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A growing complaint

Vale residents eye traffic suit

By Rebecca Piro

A possible expansion plan at Genetics Institute is getting mixed reviews from Andover residents and employees.

Some Ballardvale residents are up in arms, threatening Genetics with a lawsuit if the company presses forward with plans to add space and additional employees – which residents say means more traffic.

"It doesn't matter if it's going to be two more (vehicles), it doesn't matter if it's going to be no more vehicles. It's asinine," says Audrey Nason of River Street.

But Planning Director Steve Colyer disagrees. "This whole traffic thing in Ballardvale is being built to mythological proportions," he argues. Though he's aware of Ballardvale's current traffic problems, he's convinced that the additional traffic will not further hurt the area. Additionally, he's pleased with the completeness of Genetics' design.

Genetics recently announced plans to further develop two of its buildings, located next to its

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PHOTO BY ADAM GROFF

Andover High School sophomores boycotting the MCAS on Tuesday said one of the core values listed in the school's student handbook is "positive risk-taking," something their protest embodies but the MCAS does not. From left are: Katie Orlando, Seth Sempere, David Lier, Khaki McElfresh and Andy Leitermann.

10 refuse to take MCAS

State test 'just goes against our principles'

By Adam Groff

At 60 degrees and cloudy, it wasn't optimal weather for a sit-in, but nonetheless, 10 Andover High School sophomores on Tuesday walked out of their required-for-graduation MCAS tests and posted themselves beneath the flag pole in front of the school.

"We're out here because we don't agree with not just how the test is given, but why it's given," said Ari Spool. "We know we can pass it, it just goes against our principles."

Principal Peter Anderson was informed of the students' plans to boycott the test beforehand, and allowed the students to protest.

"It's an intelligent group of kids," said Anderson. "Clearly they'd pass the test. They understand that if they want a diploma from a Massachusetts public school, they have to take it. We're well aware of this group – they're poised, articulate, and reflective. They asked if they could go outside, and we said yes. They did it quietly and respectfully."

The boycott marked the start of a two-week stint of testing for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). This is the third year the tests have been given, but it is the first year that sophomores must pass the test in order to graduate from high school. Students who fail the test will have four more chances to take it, two in their junior year and two in their senior year.

"I think we're all aware of the positive intentions of the test," said student protester Dan Mason. "There is a necessity for having standards that you can measure, but to have one, one-size-fits-all, high-stakes test is wrong. We're all different, and there should be multiple forms of assessment. This test trivializes students' talents and abilities."

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Promenade — Craig Martinson and friend were among those decked out for the Andover High School prom on Friday. More photos, page 7.

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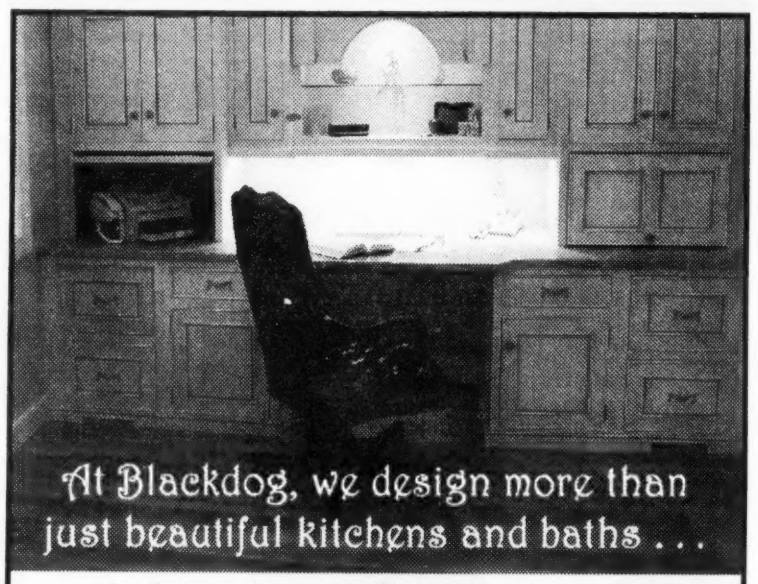

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Web question

Should AHS band director Brandon Psenicka be rehired?

Last week's *Townsman* Website question was: Are you in favor of the selectmen shuffling their Monday meeting agenda to bring serious business issues to the forefront, and push minor issues to the end?

Out of 13 respondents, almost half, six, said, "Yes. The selectmen should deal with the more serious issues earlier in the night, when officials and the audience are more awake." Two more said, "No. Many people attend meetings to discuss the smaller issues, and should not have to wait until late evening to be heard," and another two said, "Yes, as long as volunteer recognitions are not postponed too late in the evening." Three people said, "No, I like the agenda as is."

This week's question:
How do you feel about the firing of Andover band director Brandon Psenicka?

- I am strongly opposed. He's the best thing to happen to the music program in years and he should be rehired.
- I am disappointed, but I accept that the administration has the right to dismiss pre-professional staff as it sees fit.
- I support the decision. Among other things, he is not certified to teach.
- I strongly support the decision. They should have dismissed him last year.
- I have no opinion.

To vote, surf to: <www.andovertownsman.com>.

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IN BRIEF

Flag patrol

On Sunday, May 20 at 11 a.m., local veterans, scouts, Brownies, and other interested citizens will gather at the parking lot at Town Offices on Bartlet Street to place flags on the graves of more than 3,000 veterans buried in the Andover's 10 cemeteries.

The process takes about 90 minutes and is an opportunity for Andover residents to learn about the history of the town. Casual clothing and comfortable athletic shoes are appropriate.

Rain date is Sunday, May 27.

For more information, call 978-623-8218.

Finegold's May hours

State Rep.Barry R. Finegold (D-Andover) will hold office hours in Andover on Thursday, May 24, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Andover Senior Center.

Residents can also join him for coffee at Starbucks at 14 Main St. from 6 to 7 p.m.

Come home again to Softball League

The second annual reunion of the Andover Softball League is set for Saturday, June 9 from noon to 6 p.m. at Recreation Park field.

Organizers urge anyone who played, managed, coached or umpired between 1968 and 1991 to join the festivities. They say last year's reunion was a success and showcased players of all ages, from 39 to 75. "If you can walk and breathe at the same time, you are qualified to play," said organizer John Doherty, who heads up the town's veterans services office. Players need to bring gloves. For more information, call Doherty at 978-623-8218 (days) or 978-475-7850 (nights).

Charity auction and dance by Service Club

The Service Club of Andover, an organization of local business people, will hold its primary fundraising event, a silent auction and dinner dance, tomorrow, Friday, May 18 at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover from 6 to 11 p.m. For tickets or information contact Peter McLaughlin at 978-470-1018.

After debut, intention is for sequel

By Adam Groff

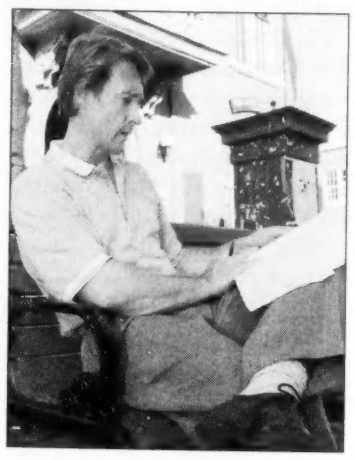
Mark Grant of Tewksbury Street is a newly-minted independent film producer, and he marked his debut with a party in Boston Tuesday night at the Atlas Bar & Grill. The occasion was a private screening of his crime-thriller *Serial Intentions*, which he also wrote, directed, and starred in.

"We got slammed," Grant said of Tuesday night's event. "Over 350 people turned out." Cast, crew, friends, family, and business associates were there were there in support of the energetic father of two and local lacrosse coach.

"I felt bad, because I saw people I haven't seen in years, and I couldn't really talk to them because I had to keep shaking hands," he said.

Grant said he is negotiating for the film's distribution, but he is most excited about the prospect of releasing the film on DVD and establishing his own Internet-based distribution entity.

"The Internet allows you from your desktop to play in the worldwide marketplace," said Grant. "It'll be a model that can be replicated for future projects."



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Mark Grant is already planning the sequel to his film, shown at Atlas on Tuesday night.

Grant also has plans for future projects. He is already planning *Serial Intentions*' sequel, which he says will have a similar budget, a figure he won't specify but says is under $500,000, presumably not by much.

"The story's not over," said Grant. Residents can learn more by visiting his site <www.serialintentions.com>.

Senior health clinics

A mini health clinic for seniors is being held on Monday, May 21 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle.

In addition, senior center clinics will continue to be held at the Andover Senior Center on Wednesdays during the month of May).

No appointment is necessary. For information, call the health department at 978-623-8295.

Cholesterol screening

The Andover Board of Health will hold a cholesterol screening clinic for residents on Wednesday, May 23 from 9 a.m. until noon. An appointment is necessary. The clinic is for Andover residents only.

The simple finger-stick test for total cholesterol costs $10 and does not require fasting.

For an appointment, call 978-623-8295.

Quote, unquote . . .

I REMEMBER STEPPING OUT THERE on opening night. That was the first time I got the actor rush.

— Professional actor David McCallum, an Andover native currently living in New York City, reflecting on his eighth-grade performance 10 years ago at the Collins Center. **(Story, page 27)**

I'D THINK PEOPLE WOULD WANT THIS CHANNEL. Food is pretty important to live on.

— Resident Bob Goldstein, wondering why Andover's cable provider, AT&T, doesn't offer the Food Network as part of its 200-plus digital channel service. **(Story, page 27)**

I LOVE THE MUSIC that I teach, and teaching the music, and watching the kids grow. I've always felt comfortable conveying my ideas to a group of students. The kids have been so wonderful.

— Outgoing Andover band director Brandon Psenicka, whose contract is not being renewed. **(Story, page 20)**

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Andover Housing Authority, 256 North Main St., 7 p.m.

Committee on Disabilities, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, 160 Main St., Haverhill, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 21

Andover Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22

School Committee, school committee room, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, continued public hearing on Ballardvale Crossing, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 24

Bancroft School Improvement Council, 1 p.m.

Shawsheen School Improvement Council, staff room, 3 p.m.

Government Review Committee, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

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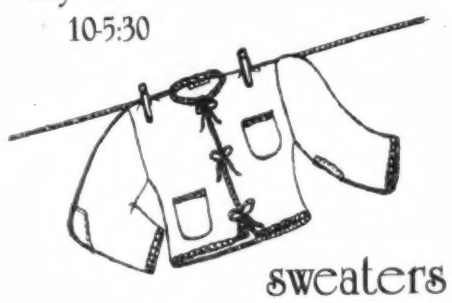
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Affordable housing's Top 10 list

Housing committee brainstorms ideas for affordable homes

By Adam Groff

The Andover Housing Partnership Committee – the group charged with developing an affordable-housing plan for the town – has built a list of 10 ideas for promoting affordable housing in Andover.

"We had excellent citizen involvement with the committee in arriving at the list of 10 tools in the toolbox," said AHPC Chairman Dave Hastings of the meeting held Monday night to refine the items on the list. Hastings said the tools are actually ideas and incentives for affordable housing that need to be researched in detail to determine whether they are workable. But the housing committee plans to present the ideas to the Board of Selectmen on June 4.

The committee has been creating its list while also advising the Zoning Board of Appeals on the five comprehensive building permits that have been filed or are soon to be filed in town. If residents want to fend off additional comprehensive permits, which allow developers to override local zoning restrictions in exchange for making a certain percentage of their units affordable, AHPC members say it behooves the town to increase affordable housing on its own terms. The comprehensive permit law, chapter 40B, is triggered in towns whose affordable housing stock is below 10 percent. Andover's affordable housing is at about 9 percent, according to 1990 census data.

Issues that stand out in the effort to bring more affordable housing to Andover are the high cost of land and the problem of the expiration of affordable housing after a certain period of time.

The committee's 10 ideas to address these issues are as follows:

1. FIND WAYS TO PRESERVE THE AFFORDABILITY OF "EXPIRING-USE PROJECTS" like Andover Commons and Riverview Commons, such as through non-profit tenant ownership. The affordability agreement Andover Commons has with the government will expire this October, unless the developer opts to extend it by five years. Riverview Commons' will expire in two more years.

2. INVESTIGATE WHETHER MUNICIPAL OR TAX-TITLE LAND COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE for affordable housing, provided the land is deed-restricted to keep it permanently affordable.

3. SEE WHETHER THE TOWN COULD BUILD "CARETAKER" DWELLINGS on school- or other town-owned land that could be rented to teachers or other town employees.

4. LOOK INTO DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGH THE RECENTLY-PASSED COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT, which allows towns that adopt it to levy property taxes of up to 3 percent above the levy limit, to be used for open space, historic preservation, and affordable housing. The first $100,000 of assessed value could be exempted from the surcharge. Planning Director Steve Colyer, who was also present for Monday night's meeting, said the CPA could be "a huge tool" for increasing affordable housing.

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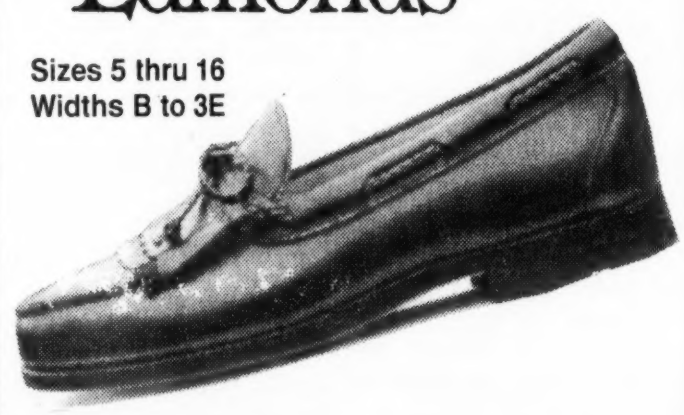
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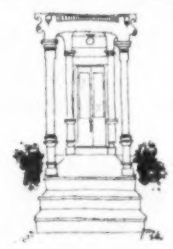
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A handsome pair of coal-black horses have been purchased by the town for use in the fire department. Each animal has a white star on its forehead and their combined weight is 2,970 pounds.

The cannon to be placed in front of Memorial Hall, was shipped from Portland, Maine, and arrived yesterday. In addition, work commenced at Memorial Hall to prepare the ground for the installation of this new cannon.

Andover residents are calling for the creation of an "Old Folks Home." The home would serve the needs of Andover's aged ones and scores of old veterans. It is hoped that Andover will follow the example granted by the City of Lawrence which already has provided its aged ones with a home.

50 YEARS AGO IN ANDOVER...

The Board of Selectman is in the process of drawing up a list of perspective woman jurors to comply with recent legislation admitting women to jury duty. In preparation for compiling this list, the board anticipates mailing a questionnaire, recommended by the secretory of state's office, to prospects in order to determine the eligibility of each. Among the questions to be answered are: if you married, how many children under 16 are in your care, and have you ever been in court in violation of the law. The selectmen revise the jury list annually each June, and it is expected that many of the prospective jurors will be included in the 1951 list.

Sam Jethroe, fleet outfielder of the Boston Braves, will be the guest speaker at the annual sports night program to be held by the Andover Catholic Club.

Punchard High School's junior mile relay team set a new record of 3 minutes 40.8 seconds, at the 15th annual Massachusetts High School relays set at the University of Massachusetts field in Amherst. The relay team members were: Kelsey, Hathaway, Abercrombie and Fielder.

Affordable housing ideas

■ **10 SUGGESTIONS**

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INCENTIVE to place deed restrictions on their properties to keep them permanently affordable by offering, in exchange, to waive building permit and utility connection fees, and assessing property taxes based only on the value of the units, not the land.

6. CREATE A MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING ZONE between the central business district and the start of the single-family residence zones, with tax incentives for adding affordable units to existing two- or three-family homes.

7. GIVE TOWN THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL to buy any project where affordability is expiring, by passing a law, if such a law is allowable.

8. SEE IF THE TOWN CAN DEVELOP AN ANNUITY PROGRAM to set aside money in preparation for purchasing such properties.

9. EXAMINE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT PLANNED AND EXECUTED IN CONCORD.

The project was created through a set of bylaws and contracts that could be easily adapted to Andover's requirements, according to officials. The project was designed to build 12 units of affordable housing, meeting set criteria, on six acres of town-owned land that was transferred to a developer for $1.

10. APPROACH EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL LANDOWNERS in Andover, such as schools and churches, and ask them to donate land for affordable housing.

Next Monday, the AHPC is set to meet to go over these items again before taking up the issue of a comprehensive permit planned for Powdermill Square. The following Monday, the group will solicit feedback from the selectmen regarding its toolbox.

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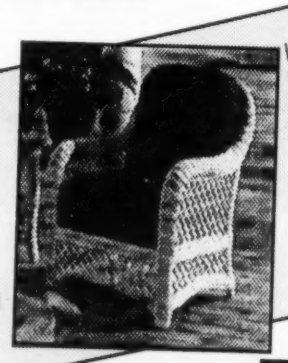

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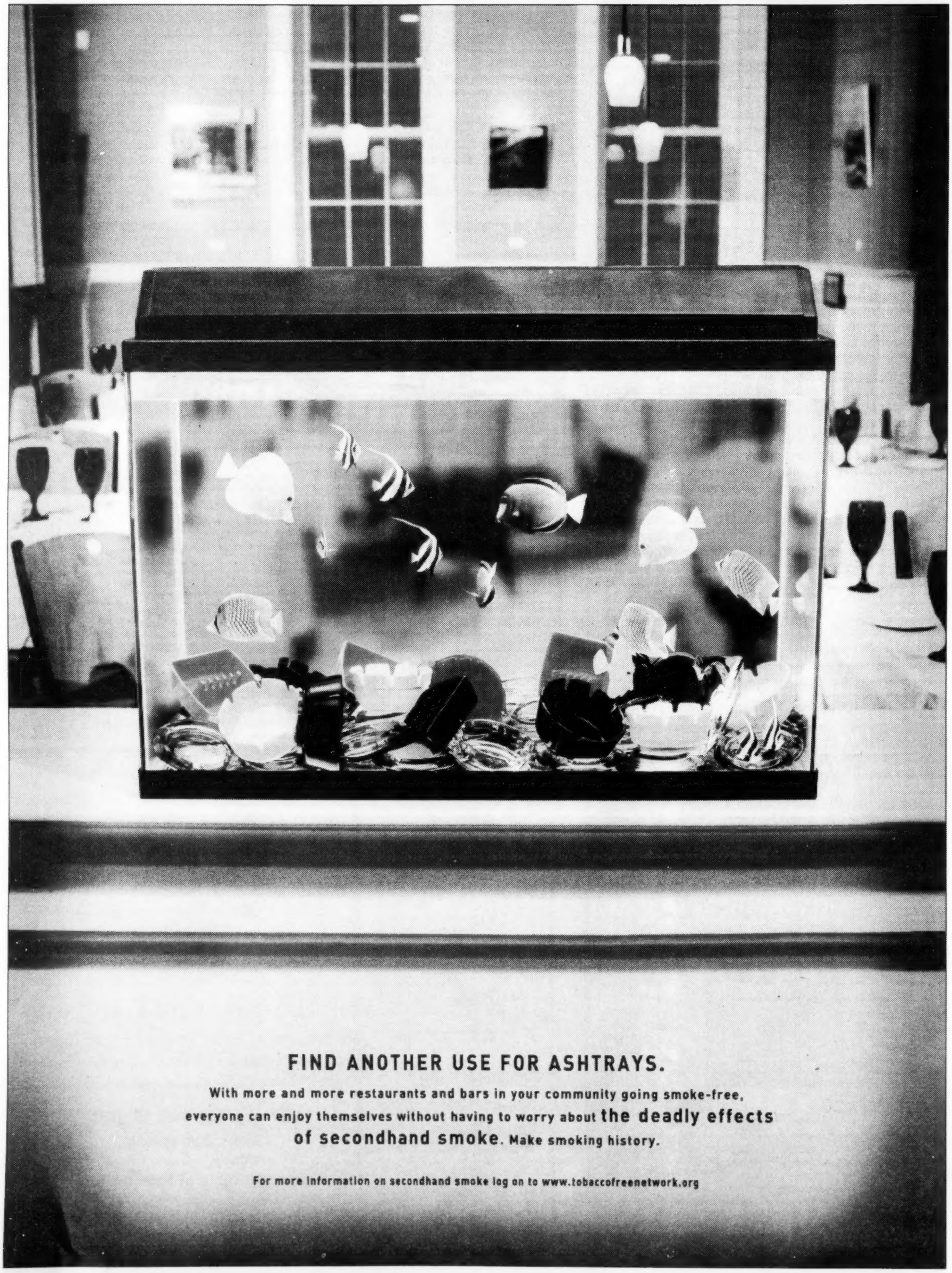
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Keeping an opening to town's open space

Resident calls for path to conservation

By Rebecca Piro

When she wants to take a stroll through the woods, resident Jean Martin says she steps over and around plants and electrical equipment to get to the Pole Hill conservation area.

Jean Martin

Martin says that the 10-foot-wide obstruction, located at the end of a cul-de-sac on Pole Hill Drive, makes it more difficult for residents to find the public access way into the conservation area.

"I've always walked the conservation land in town and enjoyed it," she says. "But there aren't too many people that use the (Pole Hill) entrance, because for years it's been blocked off with all the plantings."

Pole Hill isn't the only spot in town where residents have complained about such obstructed access ways. At 7 and 11 Granli Drive, for instance, residents built a swimming pool right in the path of a piece of conservation land. Other areas have few or no signs to inform residents that the area contains public land they can enjoy.

"It is a problem," says Michael Miller, former Planning Board chairman, who has dealt with such issues for years. "(An entrance) looks private, yet it's a public access way."

As Andover continues to buy more conservation land, the problem will continue unless the town takes action.

Andover already owns 170 parcels of land – almost 1,800 acres – and there simply aren't enough people to police every square foot of property, says Conservation Administrator Jim Greer.

"We're not ignoring it," Greer says, but he acknowledges that "there are some problems with encroachments on town-owned conservation land."

The Conservation Commission continues to work with the Granli Drive residents to resolve the problem with the swimming pool. The commission is currently negotiating with Mass. Electric regarding the eventual removal or replacement of the electrical box at Pole Hill, and commission member Paul Finger is also talking with resident Paulette Turco about removing the plantings. Turco could not be reached for comment.

Planning Director Steve Colyer says that residents are not always made aware that their property abuts conservation land. Real-estate brokers sometimes neglect to mention it before a sale, and sometimes the developers themselves do not clearly stake out entrances to public property in subdivisions, he says.

Greer admits that only about half the parcels are marked with signage to identify them as conservation land. However, he says he is not aware of many residents who can't find their way into the conservation properties.

"It's rare that someone has called about that," he says.

The commission, along with other volunteer "overseers" will begin installing wooden markers along conservation properties this summer to identify them.

Martin, however, isn't satisfied with the commission's efforts. "They're supposed to be protecting conservation land," she says. "To my way of thinking, I know it's public and I know I can go through there. But... the general public wouldn't know."

PROM PAIRINGS

PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Young Andover residents Matt Mancinelli and Gerry Hough, and Derek Barenboin and Erica DouVadjian show their style at the Andover High School prom, held Friday, May 11 in Danvers

Opinion

Lay expectations out, before this plays out again

It seems a foregone conclusion that popular music teacher Brandon Psenicka will not return to Andover next year. The success of the bands under his baton, and the protests of his students and their parents, are not likely to have any effect.

Of course, the administration doesn't have to explain its action in full. It's within its rights to head for cover under the laws that keep personnel records from becoming public records. Presumably, it has a reasonable explanation for its decision. But the Andover schools reportedly have had five band directors in 10 years. Red Sox managers last longer than that. So, if parents and the administration can get past the emotional Psenicka issue specifically, it's time for the school department – or, more precisely, the fine arts department – to explain what the schools are looking for, in general.

The planned, private meeting between some band parents and Superintendent Claudia Bach may help to soothe some hard feelings. But a more public action will do greater long-term good. School officials should consider outlining specifically and publicly what they expect from the next music teacher and band director, if he or she is to retain the job. This will allow the new teacher to understand exactly what must be done. Perhaps more importantly to the community at large, it will allow future band parents to understand why the school department chooses to make the type of decisions that currently seem arbitrary to many involved with the school music program.

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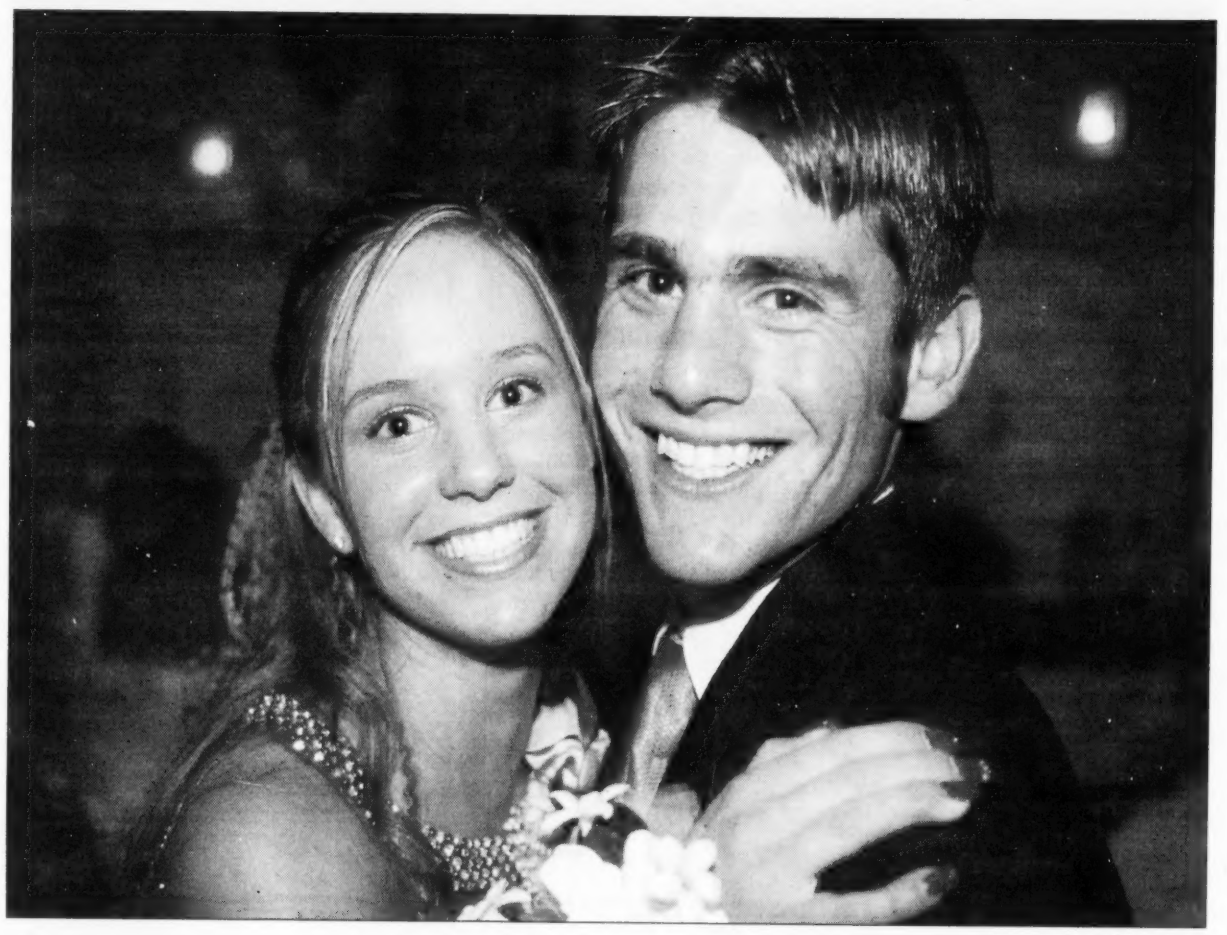

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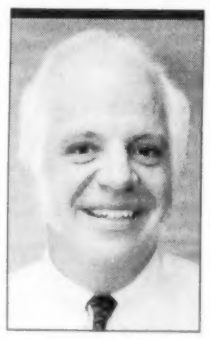
Lindsay Rosen and John Ofria share a dance at the Andover High School prom.

I guess that's the way the cookie crumbles



Jack Grady

Given my penchant for Chinese food, it's only natural that one day I'd wind up with a huge surplus of fortune cookies. More cookies than one person could possibly eat. And too many fortunes to ever apply to just one guy.

After cracking open hundreds of cookies and reading about all the fame, fortune, fun and philosophy contained in these magical messages, I've realized that I mistakenly got some paper proverbs intended for other people.

Some of these rightful owners are people you know. Take this one:

DON'T KEEP DOING WHAT DOESN'T WORK.

I think this one was meant for the Will-Hall-or-Bust committee of the Friends of the Andover Senior Center, whose inner circle still insists:

EVERYTHING IS NOT YET LOST.

But in terms of fundraising progress reports, the reality is that:

SILENCE IS NOT YOUR ALLY.

For the kids in town, who have longed for a place to call their own:

WHAT YOU DESIRE IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE.

IT WILL COME TO YOU.

Go for it. But maybe the seniors will join forces with Andover Youth Foundation, and the town will get a community center after all. Then the fortune might be:

NO SKATEBOARDING.

Oh, sorry, that's not a fortune… I just thought I saw a few signs being posted there. A real one? How about:

THEY COULD BE TRUSTWORTHY, BUT KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED.

To me, that one refers to the snail's pace of the new safety center building.

But it's not always bad news:

YOU WILL BE AWARDED SOME GREAT HONOR.

That *has* to refer to Andover's prized Aaa bond rating.

I think the Andover Public Schools were meant to get this one:

YOUR INCOME WILL INCREASE.

…with the approval of next year's override all but certain.

For those who just loved to hear themselves talk at Town Meeting:

THE DEFINITION OF A GOOD SPEECH IS AN INTRODUCTION AND A CONCLUSION PLACED NOT TOO FAR APART.

Also at Town Meeting, two diametrically opposed proposals for Rec Park failed. Or should I say:

FAILURE IS NOT FALLING DOWN, BUT REFUSING TO GET UP.

For the Eco Park proponents:

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO EXPLORE...

And for the soccer parents:

NEVER WEAR YOUR BEST PANTS WHEN YOU GO TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM.

…at least in a gravel pit, if I'm reading that fortune correctly.

For the thankless task just completed by the redistricting committee, there's:

SOMEONE HAS COMPLIMENTED YOU TODAY IN YOUR ABSENCE...

When I read this next fortune, it made me think of the revolving door at Andover High's fine arts department, which is about to search for its sixth band director in just a decade:

SUCCESSFUL LEADER KNOWS THE WAY, SHOWS THE WAY, AND GOES THE WAY.

It reminds me of the fortune a friend has taped to his computer monitor:

YOU WILL SOON CHANGE YOUR PRESENT LINE OF WORK.

...to remind him of the impermanence of things. The fortune I taped to my monitor is one I inherited from my son:

THE NIGHT LIFE IS FOR YOU.

...A way of life. Because it's true what they say, about "all work and no play."

▶ *Jack Grady is assistant editor of the* Townsman. *Send comments to: jack@andovertownsman.com*

LETTERS

Band director has raised bar for kids

Editor, *Townsman:*

I was deeply disturbed to learn on Friday, May 4, of Diana Kolben's decision not to recommend renewal of band director Brandon Psenicka's contract. What possible reason could there be for not affirming and supporting the incredible gifts a charismatic young teacher brings to our children and to their music program?

I have had two children come through the Andover Public Schools from kindergarten, with my younger child now entering his senior year in high school, and in all that time I have only witnessed one other music teacher (Josie Walker) who generated such enthusiasm and dedication to the music program. Under Mr. Psenicka's leadership, we have seen the AHS marching band achieve a new level of competence and ensemble playing (reflected in their winning the NESBA Division I Championship last fall). The high school concert and jazz bands are playing music of much greater difficulty and with ever-greater skill. In addition, Mr. Psenicka has introduced the young people to a broader range of musical styles and genres than I have seen previously in the Andover schools, effectively "raising the bar."

There have been times, during the past 12 years, when it was embarrassing to sit in a concert because the quality of music-making was so poor, when the expectations of the children were so low and when the skills of the teachers were so minimal. This has never been the case under Mr. Psenicka's leadership. Just watching the last band concert, when the elementary- and middle-school-age children eagerly watched the bands under Mr. Psenicka's direction, gave some indication of how much the younger children are looking forward to participating in the ensembles at higher grade levels – under his leadership.

I heartily support Brandon Psenicka and urge School Committee members to disregard Dr. Kolben's recommendation so that we will not lose the momentum and the joy of music-making that Brandon Psenicka has brought to our children!

Virginia Ann McDaniel
35 Lincoln St.

Inevitable event? That override will fail

Editor, *Townsman:*

With the passage of the school budget, Town Meeting voters have ensured that the next several months will see interesting, and perhaps painful debates over town and school budgets.

The small number of Andover residents who participated in this vote is a strong example of why Town Meeting is no longer the best format for town democracy. A few people each year approve $100 million of taxpayer-funded expenditures. Sure, we're all invited, but it's an increasingly inconvenient format, with big items buried among the small. In this electronic age, we should have a better way for our citizens to learn about, and certainly to vote on important matters.

It's fortunate, though, that state law requires a town-wide vote to override Proposition 2½. Let me offer one humble opinion: I do not support an override of Proposition 2½ to dig Andover out of this growing school-funding situation.

I've been watching with interest the gradual build-up of the argument for the "inevitable override."

In Town Meeting budget votes of the last three years, when we approved new schools and many other items, I do not recall mention of a needed override. In other words, I don't think we were fully advised by our leaders in government of what we were getting into. Only over the last few months have I noticed the term "inevitable override" creeping into the discussion.

(I will take this moment to offer praise to Brian Major and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski for supporting a more modest school-budget alternative this year. They were doing their jobs; unfortunately, to no avail).

I recall the passing of Proposition 2½ in Massachusetts. The teacher unions and education leadership nearly went berserk, threatening dire ramifications and presenting lists of the wonderful programs that would have to be cut if the law passed. The voters, however, were not cowed by these threats and bleak visions and, when the law passed resoundingly, many of those cuts were not realized. The citizens demanded and received leadership from their education departments (and departments represented by other unions), which resulted in new thinking and far less painful alternatives.

Many towns have requested overrides since then; few have received them from the voters. I predict Andover will not pass an override. Therefore, I challenge town and education department leaders to start planning now for how we will deal with the voters denying an override to the levy limit, because I, for one, see that as inevitable.

Drexel Ace
16 Balmoral St.

With so few other options, Rec Park is a place for fields

Editor, *Townsman:*

We need to think long and carefully about how we use our publicly owned or protected vacant land. At Rec Park the intention was to create extended active recreational opportunities when the land was acquired.

The town has documented demand for 11 more athletic fields than are presently available to meet the requirements of responsible use. All existing fields, with the exception of those at Bancroft and South schools are in the north end of town. Many people from the south end drive through and past the Rec Park area on their way to practices and games.

There are, at present, four proposed sites where new fields might be constructed and two other sites I was reminded about by a Finance Committee member during a discussion. Of the four – the new schools at Cross Street, the newly capped portion of the old landfill, the gravel pit, and Reichhold Chemical – two (Cross Street and the landfill) are scheduled for development (both still in the north) and Reichhold will not be available at a minimum for at least three to five years – it could be 10 years – and those three sites only add six fields. Proposals to add more fields on wooded and undeveloped land at South and Sanborn schools have met significant resistance. The possibility of a single field in a meadow behind Bancroft School, ringed with abutting homes, is similarly unwelcome. Facilities developed atop capped landfills are difficult and expensive to maintain.

The gravel pit at Rec Park in no way resembles natural New England habitat and an attempt to create that on this six-acre site, along with the reintroduction of endangered species, both defies logic and could create unanticipated consequences. The gravel pit requires minimum altering of terrain or disruption of flora and fauna for construction of athletic fields and already has easy access for incorporation of sanitary services not available at most of the other such sites in town.

Numerous other public and private sites have significant existing advantages appropriate for nature programs and management. At Rec Park, the adjacent Foster's Island conservation area already has a 10-station nature trail developed as an Eagle Scout project years ago, and currently in need of restoration.

In 1998, Town Meeting approved $138,000 for design of expanded facilities including playing fields, and this was completed in early 2000 after several public meetings. The Rec Park plan includes improved access to Foster's Island, new off-road parking and other much-needed restoration and upgrades.

In addition to several other town-owned conservation lands (1,500 acres under direct control) and the nearly 500 acres of protected watershed near Haggett's Pond, there are four other entities in town with potentially usable and already partially developed sites for a nature park. These four entities would not require acts of the legislature or the town to permit a change of use, as would the gravel pit. AVIS (more than 1,100 acres), the Trustees of Reservations (640 acres in Andover and North Andover), Phillips Academy (425 acres includes a 93-acre bird sanctuary) and Harold Parker State Park (more than 3,000 acres) surely should be approached regarding interest in a privately-funded joint nature project.

Protection of endangered species' natural habitats can cause consequences that extend actually and effectively well beyond the immediate protected site. The protected birds that nest on Plum Island require for their protection that the area be closed to human use for extended periods. The radius of the protected habitat for spotted turtles is, I am told, two-thirds of a mile – which in Andover means that the potentially affected area for the turtle identified on Highland Road extends to a line midway between the Town House and Starbucks on Main Street, includes Town Offices and most of Phillips Academy, and crosses far over Route 125.

At present, 31 percent of Andover's land is publicly owned or protected (6,412 acres) with 21 percent (4,332 acres) permanently protected. At present, fields at only three non-school sites in town occupy less than 30 acres: at the old landfill, in Shawsheen Village and the existing softball field at Rec Park. I think that the former Essex Gravel Pit is one of the few sites in town that most appropriately can remedy the paraphrased plaint: "What ain't we got? We ain't got fields."

Michael Frishman
Andover Street

New business goal

Editor, *Townsman:*

I share the disappointment of the Andover Soccer Association in the failed bid to put fields at Rec Park, but there may be other options. Driving Route 9 in Southborough each day, I note that the Verizon facility has a lawn with three or four fields that are used by youth soccer. Perhaps there is a local corporate park that would like to be a good neighbor to the ASA and provide space for additional fields. Brickstone Square provides holiday decorations, can another business offer fields? One that comes to mind is a local plant that recently had a contentious labor dispute that garnered publicity for Andover, not necessarily good, and required a large police presence.

Youth sports should be encouraged for the teamwork they foster among the participants and the way they draw adults together in sometimes unusual combinations.

Andrew Wardwell
64 Princeton Ave.

Power fight is not about NIMBY

Editor, *Townsman:*

This is in response to Mr. Zipeto's letter to the editor purporting to raise some questions regarding the town's overwhelming objection to the proposed siting of the Nickel Hill power plant in Dracut.

First, Mr. Zipeto suggests that opposition to the proposed power plant may merely evidence that the "NIMBY mentality" is "alive and well in Andover." Mr. Zipeto fails to understand that the Merrimack Valley is presently overburdened with numerous pollution sources, including the superhighways to which he refers in his letter, a trash-to-energy incinerator, and a medical-waste incinerator.

In addition, the proposed power plant would be sited upwind of Lawrence, which already suffers from extremely high asthma rates as a result of the current polluted status of the region and various socioeconomic circumstances. Had Mr. Zipeto attended the Siting Board hearings, he would have learned about the potential cumulative environmental impact and synergistic effects of new pollution sources to which Julie Watts and Everett Penney testified for nearly an entire day. Ms. Watts testified that there is no safe level of emissions for a number of the chemicals that would come from the plant's stacks, and she explained that even a relatively small amount of toxic emissions could have a negative synergistic effect with the existing pollution in this overly burdened area, causing substantial public-health harm to the people in this region that would not occur at an alternative siting. Nickel Hill's targeting of an overly burdened area to site another major pollution source seriously implicates environmental justice issues. Sanctimonious disregard of such issues by "NIMBY" name-calling would be both ignorant and unfair.

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Second, Mr. Zipeto asks whether Massachusetts needs the power the plant would bring and whether there are technical defects in the proposed design. The answers are "no" to the former question and "yes" to the latter. The power from the Dracut plant would be sold elsewhere, not necessarily in Massachusetts. Moreover, this state has more than an adequate supply of power (at least according to the acting governor's office). Indeed, news reports indicate that the alleged "energy crisis" in California is the result, in large part, of power companies purposely restricting supply by taking plants off line in such numbers that suggest a motive other than normal maintenance. In other words, the alleged energy crisis is wholly market-driven, not supply-driven.

The opposition to the proposed Dracut power plant is also grounded in the public's justified demand for honesty from both the government and the power company. Attorney General Thomas Reilly has criticized the state's Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) as being inordinately subject to the energy industry's lobbying power. The decision of the Siting Board (a part of DTE) to allow the siting of the proposed power plant is filled with procedural and substantive errors and is consequently on appeal (thanks to the town's support). In addition, this power company has repeatedly made inconsistent statements to the public regarding the level of the proposed emissions and it adamantly insists on using lower-cost, emission-control technology rather than cleaner, state-of-the-art technology.

Mr. Zipeto is correct that we are all polluters and should be mindful of the waste we create. That is why it is so disheartening to, for example, choose not to install an automatic sprinkler system in an effort to conserve water, while the power company proposes to suck three million gallons a day from the Merrimack River (a major source of drinking water for Andover), notwithstanding the fact that alternative (albeit more expensive) technology, which has been employed elsewhere, would obviate the need for such massive water use.

Simply put, Nickel Hill will not provide clean, useful power to the Commonwealth. It will try to make cheap power at our environmental expense to sell outside the state for its own profit. That is why Andover opposes the current Dracut power-plant proposal.

Christopher T. Vrountas
379 River Road

Gifted teacher being let go

Editor, *Townsman:*

To Superintendent Claudia Bach:

I am not surprised, but am deeply saddened to learn that we are once again struggling to comprehend the decision of the fine arts department to not recommend renewal of Brandon Psenicka's contract for next year. I am also disappointed in the judgments of the principals of the schools involved. For the first time in many years we have a musically-gifted director capable of generating the enthusiasm necessary to make the program grow.

Last year, with only two weeks notice (due to the resignation of yet another instructor), he accepted the position of band instructor for both middle schools and the high school, and assisted at the elementary level. With no support system set in place by the fine arts department or the schools, this young man succeeded in winning the hearts of these children and instilling an excitement for concert, jazz, and marching bands at the secondary levels. He created a winter program at the high school in response to student demand so that marching-band skills could be increased in preparation for the following year's fall competition schedule. Yet, the focus of the fine arts department was only on "classroom management" issues, clearly not yet developed in a first-year teacher.

This year the number of children participating in concert band at West Middle School and Andover High School has already increased. A new jazz ensemble was introduced at the high school, and parents were astounded with the creativity and musicianship displayed at the All Jazz Concert. With the skills gained from the new winter program (still not financially supported by the town), the marching band has steadily improved under Mr. Psenicka's leadership, going from third to second to first place in the New England Scholastic Band Association for the first time in seven years.

Yet, these successes in only two short years (plus a third season for the marching band) are not enough. Apparently "classroom

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Long-awaited sewer project is underway

By Rebecca Piro

The sewer expansion project is underway.

Workers cracked pavement in Ballardvale Monday to begin the process of laying sewer pipe for contract one of five, the Foster's Pond area. They're beginning the slow job of tracing pipe throughout town to bring sewer to 250 residents in Ballardvale.

"This is going to be a long project," says Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

It's also been a long time coming. Voters approved the project at 1999 Town Meeting, and Public Works employees at that time predicted completion by 2003. Petkus updated that estimate last fall, due to difficulties in attaining state permits, and predicted a completion date between 2004 and 2006. Officials had hoped to break ground in early March. Petkus now says construction will likely last between three and five years.

Workers started at Wyncrest Circle and the intersection of Enfield Drive and Woburn Street last week. This first neighborhood to receive sewer pipes will have the first opportunity to hook in to town sewer. Workers will have installed and tested the new pipes by this fall, at which point residents can hire a contractor to hook up their home, says Petkus. However, no household is required to connect to sewer.

"Whether they hook up or not, that's up to them," he says. Residents must first acquire a free permit from the town before their private contractor connects their home. Petkus recommends that neighboring residents plan ahead and get a reduced price by hiring a contractor to connect several homes at once. Residents also must make sure that their contractor removes or fills in each septic tank after completing the sewer hookup.

With sewer service, however, comes the bill to pay for it. Once sewer is available in a neighborhood, the town will charge residents a preliminary betterment – equal to half the estimated betterment price. Those estimates range between $10,000 and $18,000, says Petkus. When the project is completed, the town will recalculate final betterment costs. Residents will then owe the balance.

School construction a few chapters behind

But buildings expected to open for 2002

By Adam Groff

The new schools in west Andover will be finished later than planned, but not too late to open on schedule in 2002, say town officials. Contractor J.T. Callahan has asked to push back the project's completion date six weeks, from May 8 to June 19, because of winter construction delays.

"It was all weather-related," said Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi of the delay. "By the time the bid got awarded, it turned out to be a winter project, and last winter turned out to be a difficult winter for doing any kind of site work. The frost was pretty deep, and so it was much more difficult to get stuff done."

To the contractor's credit, said Piantedosi, "They've made a lot of effort to get back on schedule, working Saturdays and overtime."

Piantedosi said that the original

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Construction progress, at the site of the new schools near Cross Street, as of Tuesday.

PHOTOS BY REBECCA PIRO

High school sophomore Sophie Eustis and Andover High junior Eliza Rosa showed off their fashion sense at the annual "Keep it Wild" fashion show. Many hope the event helps the Andover Youth Foundation quickly put construction tape around a west Andover site where the foundation is hoping to get a youth center.

'Wild' runway meant to help youth center plan take wing

Event called kickoff to plan to raise $4 million

By Rebecca Piro

Young fashion designers strode through the hallways of the Addison Gallery Sunday night, showing off their creations at the "Keep it Wild" fashion show, and hoping for future shows at a center of their own.

The colorful event kicked off fundraising for the youth-center project. A private group called Andover Youth Foundation plans to solicit $4 million privately and build a 30,000 square-foot building on town land.

"This is the kickoff to get the process started," said AYF fundraiser Tom Jones. "Now the time has come."

A youth-center effort failed at 1994 Town Meeting by a few dozen votes, but the concept regained strength last November, when Special Town Meeting overwhelmingly approved the public/private project, authorizing town officials to allow AYF to use land near Ledge Road in West Andover.

AYF has already received $70,000 in donations, and its members plan to solicit the rest from corporations, government grants and private donors.

AYF hopes to have all $4 million in hand or in pledges by January of 2002. After the building is complete – AYF is shooting for the fall of 2002 – AYF will hand the building and land back to the town, and taxpayers will assume the costs of operation, staffing and maintenance, projected to cost between $100,000 and $200,000 annually.

Teen models showed off their fashion creations at Phillips on Sunday.

To get the fundraising effort rolling, AYF chose Sunday night to spread the word to about 250 potential donors and interested individuals. The crowd at the Addison Gallery responded favorably to Jones's presentation of the "vision," including the site, layout and facility descriptions.

"I think it's great. I hope it gets all the support it deserves," said Myrna Silverman of Dufton Road, whose husband Jerry is an AYF member.

The fashion show was a perfect means by which to show the need for a larger creative outlet for youth, said Laughlin Chanler of Gray Road. "The youth center is (meant to be) for the kids, and this is the stuff we want to do," he said.

However, Jones also called the youth-center plan "flexible," easily allowing for something such as a community center, where seniors could join the youth either in the same building or on the same campus.

"It's a very proud day, and a hopeful day for Andover," said Rev. Cal Mutti of School Street

OBITUARIES

Paul R. Essiambre

Lived in Andover for the last 45 years

Paul R. "Rollie" Essiambre, 87, of Andover, died Saturday, May 12 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Essiambre worked for General Electric Co. of Lynn before he retired.

Born and educated in Lynn, he lived in Andover for the last 45 years.

During World War II, Mr. Essiambre served in the Navy in the European Theater and in the Pacific.

He was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Members of his family include his wife, Ruth (Harold) Essiambre; daughters, Jo-Anne and her husband Anthony Dileso of Ijamsville, Md., Mary Ellen Essiambre of Petaluma, Calif., and Paula R. Essiambre of Pompano Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Charles Dewhirst, Edgerley & Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St.

A Mass will be celebrated today, Thursday, May 17 at 1 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to MSPCA, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844.

Milton Greenberg

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in the 1970s

Milton Greenberg, 83, of Tucson, Ariz. and formerly of Andover, died April 22.

Mr. Greenberg was chairman of the Andover Board of Selectmen in the 1970s. He formerly lived on Sagamore Drive before moving to Arizona.

He was born in Carteret, N.J.

Members of his family include his wife, Maxine; one daughter, Eva Greenberg and son-in-law, James H. Lewandowski; two sons, David and his wife, Ann Greenberg and Alan Greenberg; six grandchildren; and a sister, Myreal.

Funeral services were private.

Francis M. Ryan

Merrimack College grad; retired as a supervisor for Western Electric

Francis Michael Ryan, 86, died Wednesday, May 9 at his daughter's home in Andover.

Mr. Ryan retired as a supervisor for the former Western Electric, now Lucent Technologies in North Andover, after 35 years.

Born in Newark, N.J., he graduated from Dixon High School in Jersey City, N.J. and later graduated from Merrimack College in North Andover. He lived in Bradford for more than 30 years and Andover for the last 10 years.

He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers.

He was the widower of Eleanor (Beaucage) Ryan.

Members of his family include daughters, Kathleen Cole-Sutcliffe and her husband Stephen of Mount Pleasant, S.C., Jane E. and her husband Joseph Piccolo of Vienna, Va., and Patricia Ryan Branca of Andover; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home, 106 Summer St., Haverhill.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Hospice, 607 North Ave., Suite 17, Wakefield, MA 01880; or the Salvation Army, 395 Main St., Haverhill, MA 01830.

Lillian Davidson

Lived at Wingate

Lillian (Shavitsky) Davidson, 97, of Lawrence, died Thursday, May 10 at Wingate at Andover.

Born in Boston, she lived in Lawrence for more than 65 years.

Mrs. Davidson was a homemaker.

She was the widow of Philip I. Davidson. Members of her family include daughters and sons-in-law, Inez and William Schwartz, Vera and Earl Flint, and Jeanne and Philip Zeller; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Mary Davidson; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Goldman Fisher Funeral Chapel, Malden.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society; or Wingate at Andover, 80 Andover St., Andover, 01810.

DEATHS

Lillian Davidson, 97
Paul R. Essiambre, 87
Donald J. Flaherty, 48
Virginia March Foudriat, 76
Raymond J. Gile, 69
Milton Greenberg, 83
Dorothy A. Latini, 74
Helen V. Martin, 78
Alfred C. Messina, 82
Stanley F. Pas, 81
Francis Michael Ryan, 86
Mae V. Scanlon, 67

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

FLAHERTY – Donald J. "Don" Flaherty, 48, of Methuen, died Tuesday, May 1 at home. Mr. Flaherty was a laborer and formerly worked at Phillips Academy in Andover.

FOUDRIAT – Virginia March Foudriat, 76, of Sanbornton, N.H. died Friday, May 11. Members of her family include her daughter, Sara Eggert of Andover.

GILE – Raymond J. Gile, 69, of Methuen died Friday, May 11 at MI Nursing & Restorative Center. Members of his family include his sister, Mary White of Andover.

LATINI – Dorothy A. Latini, 74, of Methuen, died Sunday, May 13 at Holy Family Hospital. Mrs. Latini was a supervisor at the Internal Revenue Service in Andover for several years.

MARTIN – Helen V. (Fleming) Martin, 78, of Manchester, N.H., died Monday, April 30 at Hanover Hill Nursing Home. Mrs. Martin worked at Raytheon Co. in Andover before retiring in 1975.

MESSINA – Alfred C. "Freddy" Messina, 82, of South Berwick, Maine, died Thursday, May 10 at Varney Crossing Nursing Care Center in North Berwick. Members of his family include his stepson, Joseph Messina of Andover.

PAS – Stanley F. Pas, 81, of North Andover, died Tuesday, May 8. Mr. Pas worked for the Internal Revenue Service in Andover for 27 years.

SCANLON – Mae V. Scanlon, 67, of Salem, N.H. died Thursday, May 10 at the Prescott House in North Andover. Members of her family include her niece, Susan Cocozza of Andover.

Giving of the Ten Commandments celebrated at Chabad Lubavitch

Several events are happening at Chabad in honor of the giving of the Ten Commandments.

Next Thursday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m., women will get together at Chabad for the monthly Women's Night Out – Rosh Chodesh group. The topic of discussion will be "A priestess in G-d's Sanctuary." All women in the community are invited to come join the discussion and enjoy refreshments which will include cheese blintzes – traditionally eaten on the holiday of Shavuot.

Monday, May 28, is the festival of Shavuot, which commemorates the day the Jewish people receive the Torah at Mt. Sinai.

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Every Shavuot, at the reading of the Ten Commandments in the Synagogue, the Torah is being renewed. Just as then, now too, it is of utmost importance that the children and adults be present at the reading.

Holiday services will be held at Chabad Lubavitch, 310 No. Main St., at 9:30 a.m. The reading of the Ten Commandments will be held at approximately 10:45 a.m., followed by a dairy ice cream party and cheese blintzes, a special favorite on Shavuot.

For more information, call Chabad Lubavitch of Merrimack Valley at 978-475-1853.

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FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker
Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Chinatown Trip: Come join us as we explore and shop in Boston's Chinatown district followed by a full-course luncheon at the Chau Chow City Restaurant. Your escort will be Ed Alessi, our creative cooking teacher. Trip is open to all, and we will travel on Monday, May 21, leaving the center at 9 a.m. Cost is $30. Please stop into the center if you would like to make a reservation.

Men's Breakfast: The monthly men's breakfast will be held Friday, May 18 at 8:30 a.m. We will be showcasing the many talents and interests of our members and invite all senior men to join us. Anyone interested in signing up to set up a display, hobby, or special interest is asked to give John Andreadis a call at 978-475-7559. To make a reservation for the breakfast, please call the center at 978-623-8321.

Entering the Internet and E-Mail: Come find out what the Internet is all about as well as how to use and benefit from it. You will also learn Internet terms, how to choose an Internet provider, how to search and surf the Web for information, and how to send and receive e-mail. Don't be left behind – come and find out how to access important information and keep in touch with the rest of the world. This course will meet Fridays, June 1-15 from 2 to 4 p.m. at a cost of $40. Call the center if you would like to register.

Introduction To Computers: Is it time you learned what a computer is all about? In this class we'll show you keyboard and mouse use, basic management of software, files and windows. Have fun and learn about computing at the same time. Small class size and personal attention. This four-session class will meet on Thursdays, June 7-28 from 2 to 4 p.m., at a cost of $50. Please stop into the center if you would like to register.

Search Engines & Internet Sites: In this new class we will focus on specifics of using search engines; look at some government and educational sites that should be of interest; and learn how to track financial and banking issues. Learn how to save personal time by using e-commerce. Course will meet on Tuesdays, June 5-19 from 2 to 4 p.m. Cost is $40. Stop into the center if you would like to register.

Birthday Celebration: In honor of Older Americans' Month, the senior center is hosting a special birthday celebration for all Andover residents age 90 and older on Monday, May 21 at 2 p.m. We'll enjoy refreshments, entertainment, and a few surprises. If you qualify for this remarkable achievement, call the senior center and make a reservation to join us. Also, let us know if you need help with transportation.

Garden In The Woods And Lunch Trip: We are currently accepting reservations for our Tuesday, June 5 trip to Garden in the Woods in Framingham. This magnificent spot is the largest landscaped collection of wildflowers and native plants in the Northeast and also has a visitors' center with a gift and book shop. Following our garden tour, we'll enjoy lunch at the historic Wayside Inn, where we will order off the menu. Cost of the trip is $18 (tour and transportation), and reservations may be made by stopping into the center.

Flower Arranging Class: Betsy Chisholm will conduct this final flower arranging class on Monday, May 21 at 2 p.m. Cost is $10, which includes all fresh flowers, materials, oasis and tools. Just bring a medium-sized container of your choice. Call the center to reserve a space.

Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture: Bring a bag lunch and join us Tuesday, May 22 at noon, when Jim and Barbara Saret will take us on a fabulous journey to Greece. Visit all the famous landmarks as well as the spectacular Greek Islands. This fantastic dual-projector show also features Greek music and synchronized narration. In the spirit of the day, Greek pastry will also be served. Cost is $2 and advance reservations are necessary. Call us if you plan to attend.

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Tax-abatement meeting is June 15

A mandatory meeting will be held Friday, June 15 at the Andover Senior Center cafeteria at 1:30 p.m. for seniors interested in the tax-abatement program.

Representatives from the assessor's and treasurer's offices will be there to answer questions.

For more information, call Olivia at 978-623-8321.

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Shaun Regan

We would like to thank the staff at Lawrence General Hospital and The Merrimack Valley Hospice, for the kindness shown to us during our Dad's brief illness.

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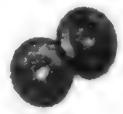

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New expansion, new car complaints

■ BALLARDVALE TRAFFIC

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main office facility on Burtt Road. It has filed for an additional 31,000 square feet of floor space for offices in one building, and the construction of a second floor of 17,545 square feet for a research and development laboratory in asecond building. Both structures are currently used for storage.

"We have been working with local authorities and submitted everything they requested. We've adhered to all the guidelines," says Doug Petkus from Wyeth-Ayerst Co. in Radnor, Penn., Genetics' parent company. He would not comment on the possibility of a lawsuit.

Nason, a member of the Ballardvale Traffic Task Force, says working with the town and Genetics to curb company traffic cutting through the Vale has been largely unsuccessful. Even one more vehicle will make the congestion more unbearable, she says. "The whole situation down here is very sad in general," Nason adds.

Colyer says that Genetics' plan calls for a potential average of 70 to 89 additional vehicles traveling to and from Genetics every day, if and when Genetics hires new employees. That is something that will not happen immediately, says Petkus. Even so, Colyer says that addition will not negatively impact the community.

The potential alone is enough to upset resident Jean Verzola. "Genetics has admitted that there is potential for 300 to 350 more people," she says, alluding to the plans for a new parking lot.

But the parking lot increase is misleading, Colyer adds. Though zoning regulations require Genetics to pave spaces for about 400 vehicles, the company says it will not likely fill it in the near future.

"I give kudos to Genetics for going out of their way to keep (residents) informed about what they're doing," says Colyer. Genetics approached the task force recently about the expansion plans, and even has its own representative on the task force. "To attack Genetics for something like this is the wrong approach," he adds.

But Nason doesn't want to hear it. "Genetics has been a good industry, but the people in town have been promised for so long that the traffic would be handled, and it just plain has not for one reason or another," she says.

Ballardvale residents sued Genetics when it expanded two years ago, and the company settled the issue by giving residents $100,000 for traffic mitigation measures. Since then, it has also started a Transportation Management Organization to provide bus service to local employees.

Weather forces delay on school work

■ SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

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May date for "substantial completion" – the point at which a building can be used for its intended purpose – was purposely scheduled early to leave a margin for error. Substantial completion should be followed in about 30 days by the "final completion" of cosmetic details.

"While the contractor is responsible for getting the building cleaned and ready to go, there are a number of things we need to do to the get the school ready to open," said Piantedosi. "To have that cushion there is important."

He said that before the school opens, plant and facilities personnel will do a routine test of all the building's systems to make sure they are operating in accordance with specifications.

Project Manager Phil Tuminelli said the extension is not yet official, but he sees no reason that it will not be approved as proposed.

"Callahan has to come forward with a narrative saying why they need the extension," he said. "We haven't received that yet, and we haven't officially extended the contract."Tuminelli also said that the severity of next winter should not be a factor, because by then the building will be closed in and the work will continue indoors.

Piantedosi said he is comfortable with the proposed timetable revision. He said that this project is different from the Andover High School renovation project, completed in 1997 after two years' worth of delays.

"One thing that makes this different from the high school project is that this is all new construction," said Piantedosi. "Renovation work is much more difficult. You're working around old stuff, and there's always surprises."

Superintendent Claudia Bach said she is not worried by the delay. "It is my major concern that the schools be done in time to open, so I'm not yet concerned," she said. "We felt that they had very legitimate reasons for extending. Even on days with lots of rain and snow, they kept working."

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, May 9 – At 6:50 a.m., Keith Boyer, 28, of 605 Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving after his license and license plates were revoked, and driving without insurance.

At 10:10 p.m., Bernabe Lopez, 23, of 20 Butler St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving after the license plates were revoked, driving without insurance, driving without a license, giving a false name to a police officer and giving a false name during booking.

Thursday, May 10 – At 8:24 a.m., Christopher Barbarisi, 23, of 40 Broad St., Lynn, was arrested and charged on a warrant for threatening to commit armed robbery.

At 7:49 p.m., police took a 38-year-old male from Arlington into protective custody for intoxication.

At 9:20 p.m., Ron Bourque, 36, of 70 Baldwin Ave., Everett, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person.

Friday, May 11 – At 9:58 p.m., Jennifer Woodland, 28, of 19 Clifton Ave., Saugus, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to stay within marked lanes.

Saturday, May 12 – At 12:55 p.m., Bryna Washer, 18, of 16 Grande Ave., Windsor, Conn., was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing.

Sunday, May 13 – At 7:37 p.m., Mark Colby, 41, of 3 Washington Ave., was arrested and charged on 11 warrants from Connecticut and one from Massachusetts: four counts of driving with a suspended license, two counts of violating a restraining order, one count of assault and battery, three counts of threatening to commit a crime, one count of refusing to show an officer identification and one count of intimidating a witness or victim. An officer arrested him after police responded to an alarm at the Sunoco station on North Main Street, and saw the man standing nearby. He was not charged with anything relating to the alarm.

Monday, May 14 – At 11:28 a.m., James Alemisis, 41, of 48 River Road, Lowell, was arrested and charged on a warrant for motor-vehicle violations.

At 8:02 p.m., Mary-Ellen Tillotson, 40, of 233 High Plain Road, was arrested and charged on a warrant for cashing bad checks.

Tuesday, May 15 – At 9:40 a.m., Carlos Abreu, 23, of 113 Foster St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for

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More broken hydrants found at Greenwood Road home fire

When firemen looked for water to douse flames inside a burning bedroom Monday, they found two broken hydrants instead.

One hydrant on Greenwood Road was completely missing. A second hydrant near the burning home at 36 Greenwood Road would not open right away, says Deputy Albert Deldotto.

"Three guys got on it and opened it," says Deldotto. "They overcame it by brute strength."

Despite the obstacle, firefighters got the flames under control in 30 minutes and saved the Zonghetti family's home. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

"We are totally impressed with the work they did," says Maureen Zonghetti. "They responded (to the scene) in five minutes." Her 15-year-old son Christopher discovered the fire and called the fire department. But no matter how quickly everyone reacted in the emergency, the situation could have been much different if firefighters had not cracked open the hydrant.

"With the bad hydrant... it very easily could have been worse," says Deldotto, adding that firefighters were recently faced with a similar situation on South Main Street, where two hydrants failed. The firemen were forced to spend time routing hoses to another hydrant, farther away from the scene of the fire. "It delays the operation," he adds.

On Greenwood Road, it's possible that the missing hydrant was knocked over during the winter, says Zonghetti.

Flames severely damaged Zonghetti's second-floor bedroom, and smoke blackened the entire second floor, says Deldotto.

"We are very lucky they did get it open," says Zonghetti. She spoke with Public Works Director Jack Petkus after the fire, who assured her that parts for both hydrants are on order. Firefighters have determined that the fire was not suspicious, says Zonghetti.

— Rebecca Piro

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Christopher and Frank Zonghetti console each other as firefighters put out a fire inside their home. Their house was saved.

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POLICE LOG

■ ARRESTS

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motor-vehicle violations.

At 9:09 p.m., a 13-year-old female from Andover was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, May 9 – At 9:19 p.m., a male reported that a couple of people had turned on the softball and skating rink lights at Recreational Park after he had shut them off. A responding officer told the people that they could not play with the lights.

At 11:39 p.m., a person from the Ramada Hotel Rolling Green reported a peeping Tom.

Thursday, May 10 – At 10:26 a.m., a Linwood Street resident reported a dead crow in her yard.

At 5:10 p.m., a Washington Avenue resident reported that her son's bicycle chain was halfway cut. She suspected that someone had attempted to steal the bike.

Friday, May 11 – At 11:46 a.m., a male from Gloucester reported that he had driven off from The Savings Bank on Main Street with the tailgate of his truck down, and lost a computer and a locked metal box, containing personal papers. Police could not find the items.

At 2:14 p.m., a person at the Andover Animal Hospital reported a dog bite.

At 3:12 p.m., a male reported that someone had threatened his wife with a water gun.

At 3:27 p.m., an officer reported an incident where one person had hit another individual over the head with a bottle in front of Old Town Hall some time ago.

Saturday, May 12 – At 11:33 a.m., a Brookside Drive resident reported that she came home to find two young girls poking at her cat through a window screen. A responding officer was unable to find "the pokers," according to the log.

At 2:36 p.m., a Washington Park Drive resident reported that her neighbor was harassing her.

At 3:53 p.m., a male reported that several pieces of computer equipment had been left by West Middle School on Beacon Street. Employees from Plant and Facilities picked up the equipment and brought it to West Elementary, where it was supposed to have gone as part of a recycling effort.

Sunday, May 13 – At 1:25 a.m., a Charlotte Drive resident reported that kids in the neighborhood had a bonfire burning. An officer made the kids extinguish the fire.

At 4:42 p.m., an officer responded to a domestic argument between a mother and son. The officer advised both people of their rights to get restraining orders, and the son left his mother's house for the night.

At 11:39 p.m., a caller reported hearing a woman yelling for help. Police responded to the scene and chased a male on foot who had been involved. Officers caught up with the male, and determined that there had been an argument between the couple, but no assault had occurred.

Monday, May 14 – At 11:18 a.m., a female from Summer Street requested that police remove a rifle from her home. The woman was moving, and did not want to take the rifle with her.

At noon, a female reported that she had been assaulted at Greater Lawrence Technical School.

Tuesday, May 15 – At 3:11 p.m., a person reported that his handicap sticker was missing.

BREAKS

Wednesday, May 9 – At 3:16 p.m., a female resident on Brown Street reported that someone had broken into her garage.

Friday, May 11 – At 12:25 p.m., Lawrence police reported that they were chasing two teenage males who had allegedly broken into a home on Juliette Street in Andover, near the Andover/Lawrence line. Andover police joined the chase, as did state troopers and a state helicopter, but the suspects were not apprehended.

At 6:18 p.m., an officer was informed that a male had climbed into a Memorial Circle apartment through an open window. The officer determined that the apartment was vacant and that the male had left.

THEFTS

Wednesday, May 9 – At 8:08 p.m., a Washington Avenue resi-

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LETTERS

■ BAND DIRECTOR

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management" (again, without a truly constructive support system) is more important to your departments than musical success. What are the fine arts department and secondary schools looking for in a band instructor? Someone who maintains an orderly classroom at the expense of creativity? Or, someone who inspires enthusiasm and whose teaching style needs nurturing and guidance by an experienced educator? (The former can be taught. The latter is a gift!) More importantly, what exactly is the commitment of the Andover schools to the instrumental program?

One would assume that the fine arts department would support, protect, advocate, and nurture all of its programs. The band program has not received such attention. In fact, over the last 10 years, the middle- and high-school programs have cycled through no less than five directors and at least three support staff. All but the current instructor, who is also facing expulsion, have successfully moved into teaching positions in other towns. Andover, it appears, is anything but supportive of its band staff.

Four years ago, the instrumental program was in crisis during school budgetary cuts. Instead of protecting its combined string and band program serving 750 students, the suggestion from the fine arts department was to eliminate an instructor's position, thereby placing the burden of the entire 483-student band program on the shoulders of one instructor.

Last year, when the number of elementary school students interested in band lessons was becoming too large for one band instructor to handle, the response of the fine arts department was to eliminate introduction of band instruments in the fourth grade rather that seek an additional part-time instructor.

It takes time for students to grow accustomed to new instruction. It takes continuity for them to trust that the director they are looking forward to working with will indeed be there when they arrive. The students and parents are very happy with Brandon Psenicka's direction. We are extremely unhappy with actions that effectively undermine the band program and disappoint or discourage our children. Please renew Mr. Psenicka's contract and give this young, talented teacher the support and encouragement he needs to continue serving our children and developing the band program into one of excellence.

Gloria Psoinos Davis
Past-President
Andover Band Association
43 Oriole Drive

Open minds would need more than one week

Editor, *Townsman:*

Less than a week after Brandon Psenicka told the high school concert band that his contract was not being renewed, we learned that his "goodbye notice" was final, having been signed by the school principals. At this point, I appreciate the administrators willingness to let us speak and display our support and our campaign to save Brandon's position, but I don't think they actually acknowledged our actions. The Andover High School and West Middle School band members circulated petitions, established a Web site, distributed flyers around school, and decorated the fence in front of AHS. In addition to these efforts, there was the incredible student and parent presentation at the School Committee meeting, revealing a lot of evidence that deserves to be reviewed. If the administration had considered this fight with an open mind, there is no way they could have made a final decision in less than a week's time. The school system may have put an ending seal on Mr. Psenicka's time in Andover Public Schools, but they can't stop us from expressing our opinions about losing this incredible asset to the Andover band program.

Claire Rosenberg
AHS band student
402 Brookside Drive

Psenicka is tops

Editor, *Townsman:*

"Mr. Psenicka for President!" yelled a middle-school band student at the All-Town Band Concert on March 15. This was not the only time Mr. Psenicka's students expressed their appreciation for him and his hard work – every time he came on stage, his students and the audience erupted in cheers. This is only one example of how central Mr. Brandon Psenicka has become to the public school bands and to his students, and this is exactly why we are outraged.

During my years as a flutist, I've played with four different band directors, and Mr. Psenicka is easily the most influential and inspiring. He creates a noncompetitive classroom environment in which the focus is truly on music and improving one's skills. In addition to Mr. Psenicka's achievements with the AHS Marching Band, the concert band is reaching new heights. He builds our band on the fact that we respect him, and he respects us. In the classroom, he is always fair to players with varying skill levels. His students feel that he not only is their teacher, but a friend. Removing Mr. Psenicka would be a great loss to the community.

Nida Mirza, Class of 2001
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POLICE LOG

■ THEFTS

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dent reported that her bike had been stolen.

Saturday, May 12 – At 4:38 p.m., a male from High Plain Road reported a case of identity fraud. Someone had applied for two credit cards using his name illegally.

Monday, May 14 – At 11:42 a.m., a female reported the theft of an urn from the United Lebanese Cemetery on Corbett Street.

At 2:55 p.m., a female reported that someone had stolen her wallet at Market Basket.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, May 10 – At 8:17 p.m., a male reported that while he was driving along Interstate 93 a golf ball from the Ramada Hotel smashed his windshield.

Saturday, May 12 – At 8:21 a.m., a male reported that his truck was broken into while parked on North Main Street in front of the Nathan Frye House.

Monday, May 14 – At 9:27 a.m., a caller reported that a cat had been struck and killed on Andover Street.

Tuesday, May 15 – At 12:27 a.m., a security officer at the Ramada Hotel reported that a vehicle in the parking lot had been broken into.

At 6:54 a.m., a person from the Ramada reported a second car that had been broken into.

At 3:09 p.m., a female from Glen Meadow Road reported that a vehicle traveling down the street at a high speed almost struck five youths. An officer found the driver and told him to slow down.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, May 10 – At 4:22 p.m., a car struck a pole on North Main Street. An ambulance was sent to treat the injured party, and police notified Mass. Electric to take care of any damage to the pole.

Saturday, May 12 – At 5:16 p.m., a motor vehicle struck a female bicyclist. The female was taken to the hospital and treated for minor injuries.

At 9:52 p.m., two cars collided on South Main Street. One operator was taken to the hospital to be treated to injuries. Both vehicles were towed away.

Tuesday, May 15 – At 8:20 p.m., a caller reported that a vehicle struck a pole on Chandler Road. An ambulance responded to treat the injured party, and the vehicle was towed away. Police called the electrical company to repair wires that came down.

VANDALISM

Three cases of vandalism were reported this week.

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Boycott looks to end test requirement

■ **MCAS WALKOUT**

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Foremost among the students' objections to the test is that it might lead to a deadening standardization of education, and that it would leave minorities in underfunded school districts behind. Some referred to the MCAS as the "Massachusetts Caucasian Advancement System."

"The importance of our walking out and not taking this test," said Mason, "is that it puts us in the same boat as kids in communities that don't have the same resources. A big part of this protest is that MCAS encourages a new kind of inauthentic education reform where everything goes to more standardization. It puts education in a box."

The students acknowledged, however, that they do intend to take the test at some point if it continues to be a graduation requirement. Nonetheless, their initial failures will figure in the official tally of Andover students' performance.

"We're hoping to make this not a requirement," said Khaki McElfresh. "It's not because we think we won't pass. We have five chances to take the test, which is another reason it's ridiculous."

"And they make it easier each time," added Spool. "The theory that students won't fall through the cracks is bunk."

Testing at the high school began at 7:45 a.m., at which time the students said they stood up in their respective classes and read a prepared statement before walking out. They stayed outside for about three hours, returning in time for third period, as they said Principal Peter Anderson asked them to. The students said they intend to boycott the tests for the rest of this week and next, although they plan to protest inside from now on, reading quietly in the library.

"The administration has been very nice, and we're thankful to them," said Spool. "We mean no disrespect."

Asked whether he was concerned that the protest might encourage other students to walk out of the test as well, Anderson said, "I think these kids have thought about what they're doing, and the other kids have thought about what they're doing. They haven't made dissuading other students a part of their program. We've seen other forms of protest, like drawing Christmas trees all over the answer sheets, and frankly I think this is better."

Although the students may not have been aggressively inciting protest, they said they plan to be outside again next week, when the history portion of the test is given to sophomores. This portion is not required for graduation, so the protesters are hoping that their being outside at that time will encourage other students to join them.

Some of the students also said they were planning to attend a rally on Boston Common Tuesday afternoon put on by a group called the Student Coalition for Alternatives to MCAS (SCAM).

Sophomores this week and next are being tested in the areas of English language arts, mathematics, and history and social studies. The sophomore science portion of the test is being revised this year. Passing the English and math portions of the test is required for graduation in 2003.

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Education

SPED director resigns

By Adam Groff

Cheri Webb, the woman overseeing the town's special-education programs, has resigned, citing her husband's job reassignment to Houston, Texas. Her contract will expire on June 30, ending three years in Andover.

Cheri Webb

"My experience at Andover has been extremely enjoyable," said Webb last Friday. "Working with an excellent leadership team and a professional staff has made my job easy in a lot of respects. It's been a solid team effort."

Webb said that the pupil personnel administrator is responsible for all the special education teachers and program heads, English-as-a-second-language teachers, speech pathologists, occupational and physical therapists, adjustment counselors, instructional assistants, and school nurses. She said most of her work has involved implementing special-education programs mandated by state education reform.

"The best thing about the job is that it gives you the opportunity to feel like you can accomplish many things for kids and their families," said Webb. "Your greatest appreciation is to be able to make things happen for kids so they can be successful in school and become productive citizens."

"It's a very central, important position, principally involving the special-needs department," said Superintendent Claudia Bach. "It's very regulatory in nature and requires a lot of training and knowledge. Cheri has been very well-trained and professional, and we'll miss her."

Webb said she has been in Massachusetts for five years. Before Andover, she worked for Shrewsbury public schools and Tri Town School Union, which covers Topsfield, Boxford and Middleton. She said she has not begun a job search in Texas yet.

"I'm staying focused on what we need to accomplish for Andover schools," she said, adding, "My resignation is solely the result of my husband's having to relocate."

Bach said that because of the knowledge of Massachusetts education regulations required for the job, desirable applicants will probably all come from within the state.

"There are not dozens and dozens of these people around," said Bach. "We won't have 40 applicants like we do for a principal position. They'll probably be in the single digits."

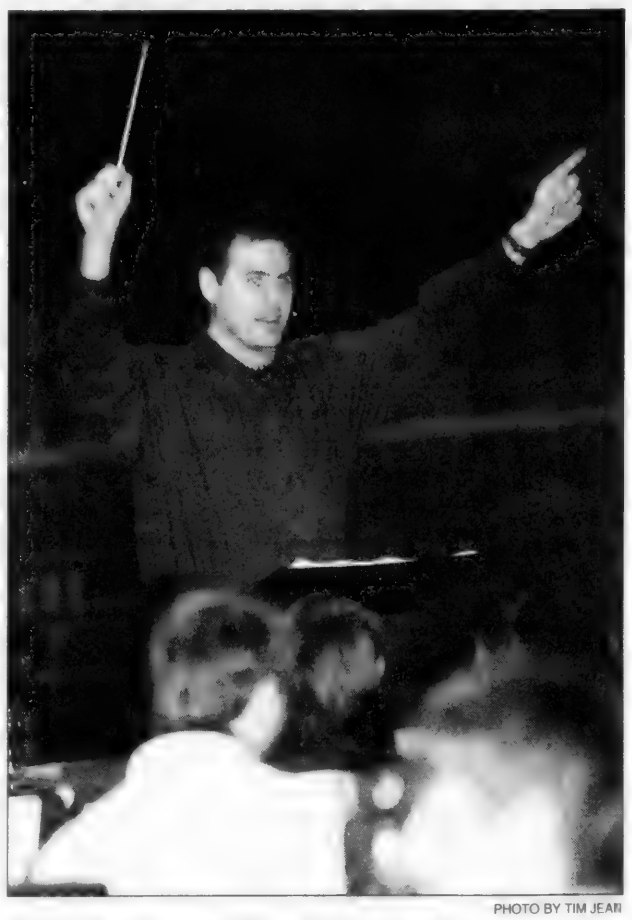
STAGING AN ORIGINAL

PHOTO BY FRANK J. LEONE JR

St. Augustine School recently presented an original play by Patricia Hemion, faculty member and Andover resident, at West Elementary School. At left are Catherine Charlebois as Tammy, and Jonathan Anzaldi as Myron. At right are the "Bushels," Stacy Naughton, Alysa Perry, Mary DePippo, Chessie Leone and Devon White. (Missing from photo: Michael Carroll as Scruffy.) More than 70 students took part in the two sold-out performances.

Last hurrah for Psenicka

Band parents, students left wondering why popular music teacher is dismissed



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Brandon Psenicka's last concert will take place next Wednesday night, May 23. Call the fine arts department at 978-623-8653 for information.

By Adam Groff

Andover schools music teacher and marching band director Brandon Psenicka received his dismissal letter early in April, but he didn't announce the news to his students until about a month later. He says he didn't want to spoil the marching band's trip to Annapolis on the last weekend in April.

"It was a wonderful trip, and I wanted to wait until after the trip to tell them," said Psenicka last Thursday.

After hearing the news, more than 20 shocked band students and parents quickly arranged to attend the May 8 School Committee meeting to protest the firing of the most popular band director in recent memory, and the fifth in 10 years, to that body and to Superintendent Claudia Bach, who is ultimately approves all hirings and firings.

However, they will probably never have an answer to their burning question – "Why?" – as personnel files are not public record, and must be kept private. What is public is that Psenicka has not passed his teaching certification test, and his status is "pre-professional," the education-reform equivalent of not tenured.

"The thing that's really important to understand with people who are pre-professional," said Bach, "is that we don't even need a reason, and I know that sounds crass. There doesn't even need to be anything negative about their performance, it just might not fit the needs of the district – and that's really it with Brandon."

"Just because somebody can be let go for any reason, doesn't mean you should do it," said band parent Dave Hastings of Kenilworth Street. "That may stop lawsuits, but it doesn't prove anything to me. I'm willing to accept that we'll never know all the reasons, but as far as I can see, the man's been terrific."

Although it would theoretically be possible for Bach to hire Psenicka back next year, to do so would be to override the recommendation of Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson and West Middle School Principal Vicki Simms, who were supporting the recommendation of Fine Arts Director Diana Kolben. Kolben, who was present but silent at last week's School Committee meeting, declined to comment on the matter when asked this week.

According to Psenicka, the administration has questioned his classroom management skills, which he has described as "laid-back." However, last November, the AHS marching band won the New England Scholastic Band Association competition for the first time in seven years. Psenicka says the size of the middle school band has doubled. Students say that band is no longer a class to take for an easy grade, but for a truly enriching educational experience.

"I love the music that I teach, and teaching the music, and watching the kids grow," said Psenicka. "I've always felt comfortable conveying my ideas to a group of students. The kids have been so wonderful."

Bach says that although Psenicka's teaching

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BRANDON PSENICKA, 24, graduated from Boston's Berklee College of Music in 1998 with a degree in music education. That fall, he was hired in Andover as an assistant to the marching band for then-band director Mark Napierkowski. During the day, he taught at the St. Ambrose School in Dorchester and part time in Dedham. When Napierkowski left in 1999, although he didn't yet have his teaching certification, Psenicka was hired to replace him.

Teachers who are not certified can be hired with a waiver if the school district can show that they can't find anyone else, according to Superintendent Claudia Bach, but they are expected to attain certification as soon as possible.

Psenicka took the certification test last summer and failed it. In addition, he said that there were complaints about his classroom management skills, and he attended a workshop over the summer to try to develop them. He has characterized his classroom style as "laid back." His students call him by his first name. Psenicka says that is because he was brought on as an assistant, and students call the band assistants by their first names; he retained the informality when he became a full-time teacher.

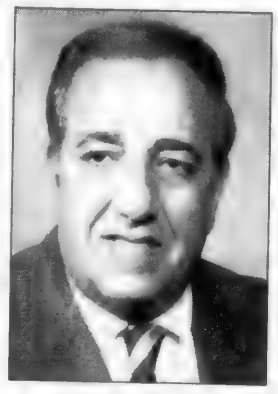
Despite these issues, Psenicka's contract was renewed for this year. At some point in the week, he teaches in every Andover school except Bancroft Elementary and Doherty Middle School. After school, he directs the high school marching band and the jazz band, and his performance has received rave reviews from students and parents.

Of his dismissal, he said last week, "As far as I'm concerned, the only thing I can do is search for another job." He said he plans to take the teacher certification test again this summer.

ON CAMPUS

Merrimack College graduation is Sunday

Blenda Wilson


Clifford E. Elias

Rev. Brian Lowery

Blenda Wilson, PhD, chief executive officer of the Nellie Mae Foundation Inc., will be the speaker at Merrimack College's graduation this Sunday, May 20 at 2 p.m.

Among the marchers at graduation will be an Andover resident. **Lawrence Morrisroe** of Clark Road is among 13 members of the first graduating class at the college. They graduated in 1951 and are busy planning a reunion on June 8 and 9.

"Living in Andover, as I do, the college has grown almost in front of my eyes. I think the most significant development is the number of alumni who live in Merrimack Valley. I see many of them," Morrisroe said.

Meanwhile, Wilson, whose foundation promotes accessibility, quality and effectiveness of education in New England from preschool through post-secondary levels, will address 530 graduating students. She will also receive an honorary doctorate degree.

Honorary doctoral degrees will also be awarded to **Clifford E. Elias**, professor of Law at Suffolk University Law School, and to **Rev. Brian Lowery**, OSA, Prior, Convento S. Agostino in San Gimignano, Italy.

This year's commencement will celebrate the 50th year of matriculating women at Merrimack College, which became coeducational in the fall of 1950. Eleven women went on to graduate in the spring of 1951. Today, the student body of Merrimack College is 50 percent women.

Thomas DiLiegro, a 1997 graduate of Andover High School, will graduate magna cum laude from Merrimack College on May 20.

The son of Nicholas and Susan DiLiegro of 8 Tiffany Lane majored in health science with a minor in chemistry.

DiLiegro was named to the dean's list after every semester and was recently recognized as a presidential scholar and was inducted as an associate member into Sigma Xi, the national scientific research honors society for his work as a research technician studying bone cell gene expression. After graduation he will apply to medical school.

Don Nelson, of Andover, was recently recognized for his 25 years of service to Merrimack College.

Nelson joined the college's accounting department in 1977 and was named chairman of that department six years ago.

President **Richard J. Santagati** praised Nelson and presented him with a Merrimack College chair at the recent recognition/awards luncheon.

Nelson is noted for his devotion to his students. When he's not in the classroom, Nelson can often be found cheering for the Merrimack hockey team or lifting weights with his students. He is an avid outdoorsman and fishes in all seasons.

Nelson, who just returned from Natchez, Miss., where he presented a paper, was praised for his energy and enthusiasm that he brings to all of his classes.

Six Andover students are on the dean's list at Columbia University in New York City. They are: **Eve Klein**, 6 Fremont Lane; **Sophie Lam**, 33 Rutgers Road; **Sonal Malpani**, 2 Rutgers Road; **Erica Rapp**, 10 Launching Road; **Jeffrey Shyu**, 6 Starr Ave. East; and **Susan Wager**, 6 Pinecrest Road.

Peter K. Hughes has been named to the honor list at Roanoke College in Salem, Va. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis J. Hughes of Exeter Way.

Andover students on the dean's list at UMass Amherst are **Britta M. Anson, Gazelle Aram, Lacy N. Arseneault, Christopher J. Ataide, Sean T. Aylward, Leo J. Blais, Crystal R. Burns, Stephen R. Byers, Joshua Croates, Erin E. Croteau, Brian J. Crowley, Kimberly A. Downes, Britta W. Eberle, Efan Hsieh, Michael A. Johnson, Jinsoo J. Joo, Rebecca A. MacDougall, Stephanie A. Manners, David W. Mason, Patrick E. McCabe, Kendra M. McDade, Nicole B. Menschel, James N. Morgan, Brendan J. Murray, Gary D. Nicholson, Suzanne Polizzi, Sarah Rabbani, Kate E. Rammacher, Ami L. Regan, Sarah R. Reilly, Jacqueline D. Sawyer, Matthew C. Smilowitz, Leah M. Spires, Allison B. St. Jean, Gregory St. Amm, Anna K. Stowe, Lauren A. Sullo, Darlene M. Teves, Yan K. Tsang, Meghan A. Twohig, Krista G. Wepsic, Christina Y. Wong, Mimi Ying,** and **Mark Zammuto**.

Kiran V. Raman of 11 Fossen Way is on the dean's list at Case Western University in Cleveland, Ohio, where he majors in biology and anthropology.

Sera Coppolino of Andover recently completed a 30-day summer backpacking courese in Australia with the national Outdoor Leadership School in Lander, Wyo. Students were challenged in the land of extremes as they explored canyons, river drainages, and high plateaus. They also spent time in the Bardi Aboriginal homelands on the coast of the Indian Ocean.

Samuel Pearson of Andover was named to the dean's list at Wheaton College in Norton.

Five students from Andover are on the dean's list at Salem State College. They are: **Amy E. DiDomenico**, 1 Paulornette Circle; **Allison Maletz**, 3 Oriole Drive; **Amanda F. Pancorbo**, 8 Copley Drive; **Jayna Rozoplos**, 3 Stouffer Circle; and **Cleo P. Thompson**, 11 Crescent Drive.

Bentley College senior **Ammond Adams** of Andover has been named to the 2001 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* for outstanding campus leadership. He is a microeconomics major and the son of Steven and Lynette Adams of Berkeley Lane. He recently accepted a full-time job with the merger & acquisitions group in SG Cowen's investment banking division.

On the dean's list at Framingham State College is **Julie B. Tobin** of Andover. In addition, she was also named to the president's list for making the dean's list for three consecutive semesters.

Michael Wallace of Andover has been named to the dean's list at Daniel Webster College in Nashua, N.H. He is an information systems major.

Meghan E. Donahue, a fourth-year student at Holy Cross College in Worcester, has been named to the dean's list for the first semester. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Partick J. Donahue of Andover. She majors in economics.

Erin Lacy Rogacki of North Main Street recently graduated from the University of Delaware, where she earned a bachelor of science degree.

Marissa Feinberg of 22 Avery Lane is on the dean's list at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. She is a junior majoring in public relations.

Emily Yurko of 6 Atwood Lane is also on the dean's list at Syracuse. She is a sophomore majoring in advertising.

Two Andover students have been named to the dean's list at Bost University. They are: **Jessie A. Fontanella** and **Fair R. Maclaren**.

David Chapin of 21 Lucerne Drive has received a scholarship award at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. He is junior majoring in mechanical engineering.

Patrick J. Annese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Annese of Andover, has been named to the dean's list at Babson College.

Matthew Antaya of Andover has been named to the dean's list at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

Rudy Morando of Andover was among the 10-student team from Northeastern University's undergraduate College of Business Administration that earned first prize at the recent Business Beanpot Case Analysis Competition. Team Northeastern topped Babson College, Boston University, Bentley College, Suffolk University and MIT to win first and second place.

Students from Andover named to the dean's list at Providence College are: **Desiree Adams, Jennifer Berube, Caitlin Fitzpatrick, Anne Paone, Adrienne Ciampa, Justin LeCam,** and **Elizabeth Flood**.

Several Andover students are on the dean's list at UMass Lowell. They are: **Joseph T. Bailey, John T. Beanland, Aron K.Bellorado, Carol M. Boulanger, Stephanie A. Casey, Jessica Dougherty, Michael Gaulin, Martin E. Kelley,Valerie A. Kelley, Yekaterina Kulikovich, Christopher D. Lane, Paul J. Lewis, Justin R. McLean, Nari E. Miceli, Jennie L. Murnane, Kelly A. Murphy, Dennis P. O'Brien, Shardul N. Ramolia, Mark D. Richards, Peter R. Schlosser, David L. Stewart, Nathan Y. Throop, Ian C. Timmons, Andrea Wegner, Joshua H. Wilkie, Joshua M. Wilson** and **Marrissa Wolfe**.

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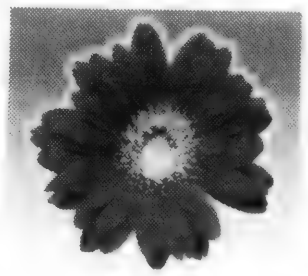

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Tuesday: BBQ pork sandwich, hot dog on roll, Chicken McSchool, potato puffs, apple-sauce, chocolate cake, and milk.

Wednesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, mozzarella sticks with salad, baked chicken nuggets, peas, trail mix, apple, and milk.

Thursday: Chef's salad with roll, french toast sticks with sausage, cheeseburger with fries, corn, pineapple, and milk. Lucky Tray Day.

Friday: Two beefy burritos, slice of pizza with pasta salad, baked chicken nuggets, green beans, pears, Jello, and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Chicken salad sub, pizza sticks with soft pretzel and salad, baked chicken nuggets, salad, apple, and milk.

Tuesday: Baked macaroni & cheese, nachos with cheese, 2 hot dogs on a roll, corn, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Two beef burritos, bagel pizzas, Chicken McSchool, potato puffs, fruit, Jello, and milk.

Thursday: Oven-baked chicken with potato, mozzarella sticks, cheeseburger, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Chef's salad with ham, stuffed crust pizza, baked chicken nuggets, peas, fruit, and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Cheeseburger with chips, bagel pizza, spaghetti & meat sauce, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Tuesday: Cheesey chicken casserole, bakery pizza, rotini with garlic & butter, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Wednesday: Meatloaf with potato, stuffed crust pizza, American chop suey, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Thursday: Two hot dogs with chips, french bread pizza, rotini with garlic & butter, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Friday: Two beef burritos, stuffed crust pizza, macaroni with marinara sauce, fruit, veggie, and milk.

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TOWN TALK

Hard-hatted neighbors

Abbot Street residents have some new neighbors – for the next three to five years, anyway.

Workers wearing hardhats will soon fill the trailers parked just past the entrance to Rec Park and Pomps Pond, on Abbot Street. "They're setting up shop," says Selectman Brian Major. "That's going to be the headquarters for all of the South Main Street and Ballardvale (sewer) project."

Workers will store at the site some blueprints and materials they'll need during construction of the town's $30 million sewer expansion project.

The project actually began last Monday, May 7, though the groundbreaking is tentatively scheduled for next Monday, May 21, says Public Works Director Jack Petkus. It was originally scheduled for last Friday, but was postponed.

— Rebecca Piro

Overcast and very wet

A recent match for an Andover Soccer Association team left players wet all over.

When the team kicked off May 5 on the South School field, skies were gray, but the ground was dry. Playing conditions changed, however, when the underground sprinklers suddenly went off, catching players in arcs of spray. "It was pretty funny," wrote Sandi Mintz, whose father-in-law captured the moment on film, and submitted the photo below to the *Townsman*.

An era remembered

Wartime collection displayed at library by photographer

By Amy McGovern

Traditionally, Andover's Memorial Day festivities have included flags, a parade, the honoring of veterans – and the familiar face of Barbara Innes taking pictures to preserve the festivities.

For more than a decade, Innes, of Juniper Road, has taken in the festivities while photographing the Memorial Day parade and the events in front of the Memorial Auditorium.

Innes has been interested in veterans affairs since she was 9 and met a disabled World War I veteran whose war injury confined him to a wheelchair. Soon after, she remembers being mystified by the resonating rings at the Memorial Bell Tower at Phillips Academy. "I was a student at Pike (School) and when I listened to them, I felt that the chimes were reaching up to the heavens to the veterans who died," says Innes. "I became interested in it (WWI) and I just keep going."

Innes's grandfather served in World War I as a major in the 26th Division from Massachusetts. Before his passing, he compiled a book, with a captain from the same division. The book was titled *Gold Star WWI Records*, and listed and named every Massachusetts resident who served and died in the WWI. The term "gold star" referred to soldiers who lost their lives in that war.

Innes's interests in WWI intensified approximately 25 years ago when she began to focus her research on local involvement in WWI. "After my grandfather passed away, and about 15 years ago, I inherited his WWI memorabilia. My mother gave me a copy of his book. When I saw it, I was so proud of the book and so proud of him," says Innes. "My grandfather was a historian and I inherited his love for history."

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Barbara Innes, who has spent years documenting Memorial Day events, is displaying her collection of veterans items at the library.

Since his death, Innes has expanded her collection to include original posters, fliers, pins, sheet music, and other items all from the WWI era. She has shared her collection with the Andover Historical Society and is presently showing a portion of her collection at the Memorial Hall Library. "It is important to keep our history alive, and we owe it to our grandfathers and relatives who have served," said Innes.

Innes's exhibit at the library is a tribute to those who fought in the first and second World Wars. The exhibit is located in display cases on the first and second floors, boasts well preserved artifacts, and looks at Andover's connection to the wars. It includes medals,

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Must be 90-plus for this party

Surprisingly, 266 Andoverites make special birthday-party guest list

By Judy Wakefield

The Boston Red Sox have a fan in 91-year-old Leola Weidman of Andover.

There's nothing she likes more than settling in at her Andover Commons apartment to catch a good game. "I'm a real baseball nut," says this great-grandmother of seven and grandmother of six.

Weidman stays busy keeping up with baseball and her great-grandchildren, and doing crafts at the Andover Senior Center.

Staying busy keeps her looking and feeling younger, and she reflects America's ever-growing senior-citizen population. They are living longer and healthier lives – and they are overwhelmingly female.

At the senior center, staffers are truly amazed at how independent many seniors in their late 80s and 90s are.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Leola Weidman is one resident who plans to attend the town's party for people 90 years and older.

"We know many of them like Leola, but we really wanted to know exactly how many of them are in town," explained Rachel Zalvan, outreach coordinator at the senior center.

She teamed up with Regis College student Brianna Madden, who lives in Andover and is a social work major interning one day a week at the center. They got the number of 90-somethings in Andover and are planning a birthday party for all of them.

Zalvan said census data from the clerk's office lists 266 people in Andover who will hit their 90th birthday this year or have already reached it.

"That's an incredible number and we decided it was about time we did something special for them," Zalvan said.

Hence, "the 90-plus" birthday party idea was launched. On Monday, May 21, Andoverites who are 90-plus will be honored at the party at the senior center. The fun starts at 2 p.m.

So far, about 50 people in their 90s have responded to the invitation. Many of them are like Leola Weidman – very independent.

"Many 90-plus town residents do live in their own home and they are coming to the party with guests. They are very independent. These numbers show that and really break down the myth that all 90-year-olds are living in nursing homes," said Zalvan

Local politicians, including Sen. Susan Tucker, Reps. Barry Finegold and David Nangle and Selectman Mary French will also be among the party-goers. And, residents from local nursing homes and assisted-care facilities, including Wingate and Marland Place, were invited.

Weidman, who moved to town to be closer to her daughter (Jayne Iarrobino of Andover) after her husband died, will be there. "I think a party is a good idea. Old folks like to get out," she said

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Historical Society presents look at Andover during the Civil War

"ANDOVER AWAKE!" a lecture on Andover during the Civil War, will take place Wednesday, May 23 at noon, presented by museum assistant and researcher Joan Patrakis. Patrakis, a native of Andover and a local historian and author, is currently writing a book about this town's role in the Civil War based on first-hand accounts by Andover residents. She has written numerous articles on Andover's history and its people.

Patrakis wrote and produced a documentary about the charitable work of 19th century Andover women. She has also compiled and indexed field inventories of several of the town's oldest burying grounds.

"Andover Awake!" will describe one town's spirited response to the call to war and its continued support of the Union through four years of that bitter national struggle. History will be brought to life through the words of town leaders, local residents, soldiers and their loved ones on the home front. Newspapers captured those turbulent years, and describe local flag-raising ceremonies and military drills, which were punctuated with patriotic music and rousing speeches. Camp life and battle scenes are recorded in correspondence found in Andover Historical Society's collections.

For example, one young farm boy proudly wrote his brother, "I fired my musket into Virginia." Another comrade recounted the Battle of Spotsylvania, which claimed the lives of 13 Andover men.

Andover during the Civil War reflects experiences common to most New England towns. Yet because Harriet Beecher Stowe was a local resident at this time, Andover's story is unique. Stowe shook the world and gained international fame through her moving descriptions of slavery in *Uncle Tom's Cabin* or *Life Among the Lowly*. Abraham Lincoln greeted her at the White House with "so this is the little woman who started this big war." Later, reading the *Andover Advertiser*, she would learn of her son being wounded at Gettysburg.

From the opening days of the Civil War through the assassination of President Lincoln recounted by an Andover school girl, "Andover Awake!" will offer a vivid picture of what it was like to live through those historical events.

The lecture is free, although donations will be graciously accepted.

Bring a bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Andover Historical Society is located at 97 Main St. (Route 28). Call 978-475-2236 for more information.

Mother-daughter brunch served May 19

Lawrence General Hospital, in cooperation with community libraries, is sponsoring a mother-daughter brunch on Saturday, May 19, 9 to 11 a.m., at the Andover Wyndham Hotel. Special guest Karen Rowinsky will present a talk on the issues of adolescent girls and puberty, "From Girl to Woman: Growing Up/Growing Together."

Rowinsky, a professional speaker, author, and consultant, has 25 years of experience in health care, including serving on the boards of the National Association for Women's Health, the International Childbirth Education Association, and the Kansas Women's Mental Health Foundation, and is currently president-elect of the National Speakers Association (KC).

This program is funded by the Lawrence General Hospital and is a kick-off for the LGH's collaborative marketing effort with local libraries as part of its community outreach services. The brunch and talk are free of charge and open to the public. Call 978-688-9505.

The deadline for May First Birthdays is next Friday, May 25 at 5 p.m. They will be published in the May 31 issue.

AT YOUR SERVICE CLUB

Brad W. Heim, president of the Service Club of Andover, presents a gift of $500 to Diane Costagliola, president of the South School PTO. Costagliola said the money would be used for the school's curriculum enrichment program. The Service Club of Andover is a non-profit group of local citizens committed to serving the youth and those who are developmentally disabled.

An era remembered: Wartime collection at Memorial Hall Library

■ BARBARA INNES

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sheet music, photos and an original Disabled American Veterans association poster portraying "Columbia" standing over a kneeling soldier with bayonet in hand.

Also included in the exhibit a small "Gold Star" flag. The flag is decorated with a centered star on white background and is bordered in red. On one side of the flag the star is blue and on the other the star is gold. During WWI flags of this type were hung in the home windows of parents who had sons fighting in the war. When the flag's blue star faced out, the flag served as a constant reminder that a son was off at war; and when the family hung the gold star facing out, the flag then served as a memorial.

Innes' exhibit also includes artifacts from WWII and shows photos of more recent Memorial Day events. Also on display in the exhibit are images of the real life Winnie the Pooh, along with an explanation of his history. He began as a WWI mascot to the Canadian Army from Winnipeg, found a new home at an English zoo, and later was transformed into a childhood icon. "Many children are surprised to learn that Winnie the Pooh was a real bear," said Innes.

Innes plans to attend and photograph this year's Memorial festivities and says, "I have taken many pictures of award groups and those who are being honored. I always take a few rolls and then send copies to the different veterans who are involved. Because of this I have received many letters from admirals and from all walks of life, including school children."

Last year Innes was honored for her efforts and was given a plaque by the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) association. She said "I do this just because I enjoy doing it; and I do this because they (the veterans) deserve it."

The Memorial festivities begin in the morning on Monday, May 28, and the exhibit at the library will be on display until the end of May.

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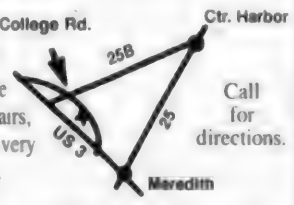

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WHAT'S UP

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Enjoying a backstage tour of the NBC studios are, from left: Philip Martin, Brittany Birrell, Rob Thomas, Kristen Fearon, teacher JoAnn Samra, Danielle Huntley, Chris Krey and Patrick Roy.

Five Andover marketing students attend national competition in Calif.

Group also gets to meet Jay Leno

By Danielle Huntley
Andover High School

On April 24, five students and one teacher-adviser from Andover High School set out for DECA's 55th Annual International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, Calif. Sophomore Brittany Birrell, juniors Danielle Huntley and Philip Martin, seniors Patrick Roy and Chris Krey, and teacher adviser JoAnn Samra joined over 13,000 students, teachers, and corporate representatives at this amazing international marketing competition.

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) is an association of marketing students. Each year thousands of students vie for spots at the international competition on the district, and state levels.

Each student from Andover qualified for the international competition in his or her respective categories, and was required to participate in both written and oral competitive events. The written event was comprised of 100 multiple-choice questions pertaining to his or her category. The oral event was based on such topics as communications, production, advertising, public relations, and of course marketing. These events provided students with the opportunity to interact with high-level corporate judges but also gain higher proficiency in communication and marketing skills. Another major component of this conference is learning self-confidence in oneself and one's ideas. Some students received certificates of achievements in their respective categories, and Patrick Roy received a medal for being an event finalist.

Aside from the main highlight, marketing competition on the international level, students from Andover were also treated to seeing the Tuesday, April 24 taping of *The Tonight Show* with Andover native Jay Leno. Students were able to go on stage after the show to chat with Mr. Leno and take pictures. They were also treated to a backstage tour of the NBC studios. They saw the set of the new game show *The Weakest Link*, the control booth, and the conference room where a great deal of *Tonight Show* decisions are made. The students really appreciated

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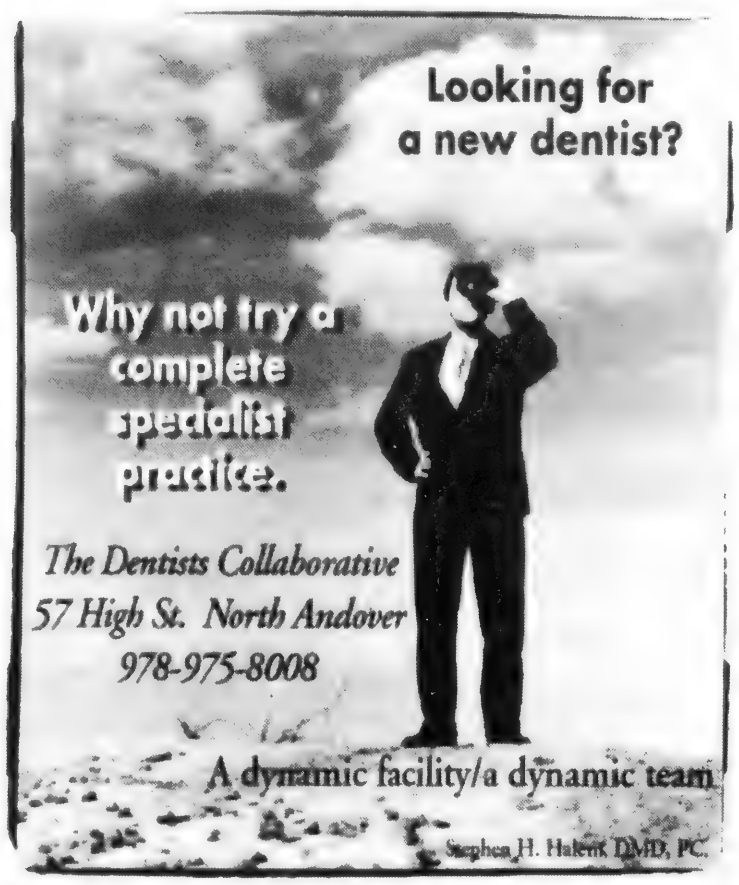

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WHAT'S UP

■ MARKETING STUDENTS IN CALIFORNIA

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Jay Leno allowing us to attend the taping of his show. Students were also able to spend time at Universal Studios, Hollywood, and Disneyland.

All five students attending the conference received financial assistance from the Policemen Relief Association, the Andona Society, and an anonymous donor.

Overall, the conference was an event never to be forgotten. The experience was not only educational, but it was a great deal of fun as well.

▶ *For more information about What's Up, call Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director, or Glenn Wilson, assistant director, at 978-623-8241; or Jack Grady, Townsman assistant editor, at 978-475-7000. E-mail submissions to: jack@andovertownsman .com*

Java Jammin' on tap

By Emmy Morrison
Andover Youth Council

Looking for someplace with great music and a good caffeine fix? Well do we have an event for you. The Java Jam will be a night of acoustic love, mixed with a little cream and sugar, put on by the Andover Youth Council.

Friday, May 18th will be a night not to forget, but with all the caffeine that will be in the house, how could you forget? Doors will open at 8 and the show will cost $5. We expect all of the lovers and haters of Andover to fill up the Old Town Hall in support of our Andover High School scholars.

Even if you don't like coffee, we promise to provide you with a smoking hot show, filled all the way to the brim. Drink up, Andover High.

FOR SENIORS

■ SENIOR ACTIVITIES

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American Short Stories: Under the direction of Maureen O'Neill, the center will offer a six-week class focusing on American women writers. Class will begin Wednesday, May 23 at 1:30 p.m., and the cost of the course will be $20. If you enjoy reading, learning about different authors, and group discussion we invite you to join us. Register prior to the first class.

Supper Club: This time our monthly dinner out will take us to the new Porter House restaurant in Haverhill on Wednesday, May 23 at 5 p.m. We will enjoy a choice of london broil, chicken marsala or baked haddock along with salad, vegetable, starch, and dessert. The $15 cost also includes gratuity. We welcome singles or couples to get together and join us. Just stop by the center to make a reservation.

Women's Luncheon: Spots are filling up quickly for our special women's luncheon, which will take place on Wednesday, May 30 at noon, followed by speaker Ruth Harriet Jacobs, whose topic will be "Aging Outrageously and Courageously." Dr. Jacobs is a noted gerontologist, educator, sociologist and the author of eight books. She has also served as a researcher at the Wellesley College Center for Women and was a full professor at both Clark University and Boston University. Tickets are available at the center at a cost of $5.

Calling All Cribbage Players: Anyone interested in playing cribbage is welcome to join in on Tuesday afternoons in May at 1:30 p.m. Come on down and find an opponent.

Photography Course: The senior center will sponsor a photography class on Mondays in June from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about good picture taking techniques is welcome to sign up. The classes will focus on learning about good composition, equipment, candid & people photography as well as information on new digital cameras. Dick Morton and members of the Merrimack Valley Camera Club as well as Dick Chapell of Andover Photo will facilitate the class. Cost is $15. Please stop by the center if you would like to register.

Concert & Strawberry Shortcake Social: The Sunrise Singers, the center's choral group, will present a spring concert "Serenade Into Summer" on Wednesday, June 6 at 1:30 p.m. at Old Town Hall, followed by a strawberry shortcake social. Come and join the fun by picking up a ticket ($3) at the senior center; no tickets will be available at the door.

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Arts & Entertainment

A supportive environment: Actors think roots

This is considered a place where kids have a chance to explore their acting talents

By Rebecca Piro

Though he now hops from state to state performing with the Shenandoah Shakespeare Company, professional actor David McCallum remembers his Andover roots.

"I remember this enormous theater at Andover High School," says McCallum, recalling what it felt like to be a small child on a big stage in a production of *Guys and Dolls* at the Collins Center.

"I remember stepping out there at opening night. That was the first time I got the actor rush," he says.

That was 10 years ago, and McCallum has since gone on to act professionally in New York City. He's not alone. Several actors and actresses auditioning today in the Big Apple call Andover home — or at least their hometown. They remember Andover residents and teachers as their inspirations and role models.

Shorey Walker, daughter of Merrimack Junior Theater Director Josie Walker, got interested in theater around fifth grade. She participated in drama, voice and dance lessons, and decided to pursue her interests professionally by enrolling at the University of Miami in Florida for a musical theater degree. She has just finished a six-month tour starring as Peter Pan in the musical of the same name.

Rob Devaney

Lindsey Strube

Shorey Walker

"There's a point in your life where you realize that all these after-school activities can have a career attached," she says.

Actor Rob Devaney, who still lives on Argilla Road, says he recognized his calling early in his childhood.

"I was at West Junior High, which is now West Middle," he says. "I was in *The Revenge of the Pink Panther*. Some friends of mine dragged me to play practice, and it was a joy from that moment on."

Now 30 years old, Devaney has a master's degree from Yale Drama School, and has performed in many off-Broadway shows in New York. "I'm not Tom Cruise by any stretch of the imagination," he says. "But I'm doing what I love, and making a living off it."

It's not as easy as it may sound, however. Lindsey Strube, an Andover High School graduate from Wabanaki Way, started her college career at the University of Miami as a theater major. She decided to transfer to UMass Amherst when the pressures of professional acting became too real.

"The pressure is really intense," she says. "I love theater, but I have so many other interests. I want the typical college experience before I decide to dedicate my life to this."

The 21-year-old student is not a stranger to the professional world of acting, however. The screening of her first film, *Serial Intentions*, opened Tuesday night at Atlas Bar and Grill in Boston. Acting in the independent film was an incredible experience, she says.

But even with many such experiences under an actor's belt, making it in the big time isn't easy, says Devaney.

"You're always looking for the next, bigger break," he says. "You spend eight weeks doing a show, and then you're done. You have to look for another job."

Shorey Walker is so busy with auditioning, performing and directing that her mother can reach her only by cell phone. But Shorey Walker says it's all worth it.

"You've got to just do it. You can't just talk about it," she says. Many aspiring actors and actresses trounce off to New York with big dreams but small ambition. "You'd be amazed how many people come to New York to be actors and start waitering and don't even go to the auditions," she says. "You have to say, 'Are you here to temp, or are you here to be on Broadway?'"

Her mother, Josie Walker, says she has seen hundreds of talented kids walk through her doors. It's not just that Andover has a fountain of theatrical talent – it's that the kids have a chance to explore those talents.

"Lots of towns have lots of talented children," she says. "But not all towns have a space for children to explore it."

"Andover is a very supportive environment," agrees McCallum, who is currently "reveling in the glory of unemployment," according to his answering machine. "I loved living in that town. I miss the pants off it," he laughs. "That's what I think of as home."

Shorey Walker still takes time to come back to Andover and sit in the audience of whatever show Merrimack Junior Theater is putting on. "It really was as good as I thought it was," she says.

The changing tastes of Andover's cable TV service

PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

News, weather, sports and more — AT&T says it considers every request from customers in Andover.

By Rebecca Piro

Resident Bob Goldstein isn't concerned about filling his free time this summer. He's got more than 200 television channels to choose from.

"I get every single channel there is," he says. "I watch a lot of anything, from Survivor to Larry King to anything between."

But as much as Goldstein loves his AT&T cable service – he doles out $180 to pay his cable and internet bill each month – one thing is still lacking.

"I don't get the Food Network," he says. He's petitioned AT&T to acquire the channel for months, without success. "I'd think people would want this channel. Food is pretty important to live on."

AT&T's customer representative Jennifer Khoury says she's listening. All customer requests are taken into consideration, she says, and AT&T does its best to get to each and every one in time.

"We want to carry all the programs customers want to watch, but at the same time we want to keep the costs low," she says, adding that she hears few complaints.

"We just spent about $2 billion upgrading our network in New England," she says. "These are services that people have been demanding."

For instance, AT&T added the Cartoon Network to Andover's service in January. But then, with January came the typical 5-percent rate increase. That bumped up the cost of basic cable programming to approximately $10 per month, standard cable programming to about $40 per month, and digital to approximately $80 per month – a price Goldsmith calls a good deal.

AT&T didn't jump service rates when it bought out MediaOne last August, says Jack Dempsey, chairman of the Andover Cable Advisory Committee. He remembers when Rollins Cable Vision first brought cable service into Andover, back in 1982, replacing the antennas on every household's roof. Since then, at least four other companies have had

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, May 17

Poetry reading, featuring Gail Mazur, Lloyd Schwartz, free, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; 800-491-0143.

Meeting, Merrimack Valley Stroke Support Group, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; Paul Chedekel 978-475-3298.

Discussion on managing stress, with certified holistic practitioner and nutritionist Irene Beikoussis, 5:30-7 p.m., Wild Oats, 40 Railroad Ave.; 978-470-2727.

Paradox, Phillips Academy dance students, $5, 7 p.m., Tang Theatre, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4433.

Moon Over Buffalo, Proscenium Arch Theater Co., benefits Sean Reardon Fund of Lawrence (Reardon is awaiting a bone marrow transplant), 8 p.m., South Lawrence East School Theater, 165 Crawford St., South Lawrence; 978-373-9101.

The Sisters Rosensweig, Georgetown Theatre Workshop, 8 p.m., $8, 22 Pleasant St., Georgetown; Elaine Kimball 978-352-2564.

Art in Bloom, presented by Spade and Trowel Garden Club and Village Garden Club of Andover, free, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; Margaret A. Behling 978-475-8839.

Live comedy, 8 p.m., Patrice O'Neal, call for prices, Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; 978-687-2442.

Friday, May 18

Clown Town, sponsored by the Andona Society, featuring carnival rides, games with an assortment of prizes, face-painting, sand-art, balloons, Candyland, White Elephant table, raffle drawing; hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza, sausages, veggie Syrian pockets, fried dough, cotton candy, cold drinks and slush will be sold throughout the event; 6-10 p.m. rain or shine, in the Park at Bartlet and Chestnut streets; 978-475-9397.

Java Jammin', featuring music, coffee, sponsored by Andover Youth Council, $5, 8 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; 978-623-8241.

Seminar, *Wetlands: The Elusive Value*, focusing on valuation procedure of properties with delineated wetland areas, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Elliott Way, Haverhill; Bette Brown 978-556-3800.

Silent auction, dinner dance, Service Club of Andover, 6-11 p.m., Indian Ridge Country Club; Peter McLaughlin 978-470-1018.

Concert, Essex Symphony Orchestra, $20, $15 seniors, students, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College; 978-474-1025.

Maifest celebration, with organist Dan Miller, $20, $15, 8 p.m., Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen; 978-688-2407.

Chamber music concert, Coro Stella Maris, $10, 8 p.m., Gloucester City Hall, 9 Dale Ave., Gloucester; 978-921-9289.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., John David, Dave Rattigan, Walter Dixon, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy, 8 p.m., Rosie's Bachelorette party, 10:30 p.m., Otto and George, Patrice O'Neal, Jason Robito, call for prices, Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; 978-687-2442.

Art in Bloom, *9 a.m.-4 p.m., see May 17 entry.*

Paradox, *see May 17 entry.*

Moon Over Buffalo, *see May 17 entry.*

The Sisters Rosensweig, *see May 17 entry.*

Saturday, May 19

Grecian food fair, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox church hall, 71 Chandler Road; 978-470-0919.

Clown Town, sponsored by the Andona Society, featuring carnival rides, games with an assortment of prizes, face-painting, sand-art, balloons, Candyland, White Elephant table, raffle drawing; hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza, sausages, veggie Syrian pockets, fried dough, cotton candy, cold drinks and slush will be sold throughout the day; 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; special attractions include the Andover Hoppers' skip-roping team, at 12:30 p.m. at the auditorium stairs and a "Read-a-long" hosted by Nicolette Heavey at 2 p.m. by the bridge in the Park, Josie Walker's Confetti Kids will present a show for all the family at 1 and 3 p.m. in the Doherty Middle School Auditorium (admission is free and donations are welcome); raffle

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Crank up the air conditioning, get out the ice cream freezer and have a "berry" good time mixing up a batch of this ice cream.

Blackberry-Lemon Ice Cream

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Servings: 2 quarts

2 cups, fresh or thawed, frozen unsweetened blackberries, mashed
1 (14-ounce) can of sweetened condensed milk
1/4 cup lemon juice from concentrate
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind, optional
3 cups (1/5 pints) half-and-half

In large bowl, combine blackberries, sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice from concentrate and rind, if desired. Stir in half-and-half.

Pour into ice cream freezer container.

Freeze according to manufacturer's instructions. Refreeze leftovers.

Tip:

Two cups fresh or thawed frozen unsweetened blueberries or raspberries, mashed, can be substituted for blackberries.

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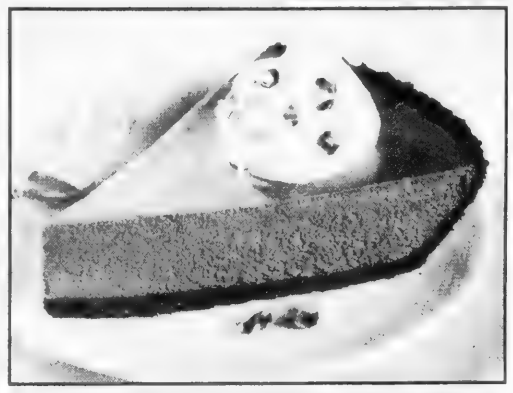

For warm-weather entertaining, whip up this pie. This light and airy dessert is perfect for a mid-summer's luncheon or a family reunion. It's a no-fuss treat that just needs to chill out in the refrigerator – no baking required.

Chocolate Chiffon Pie

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Servings: six to eight

2 (1-ounce) squares unsweetened chocolate, chopped
1 (14-ounce can of) sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1/3 cup water
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
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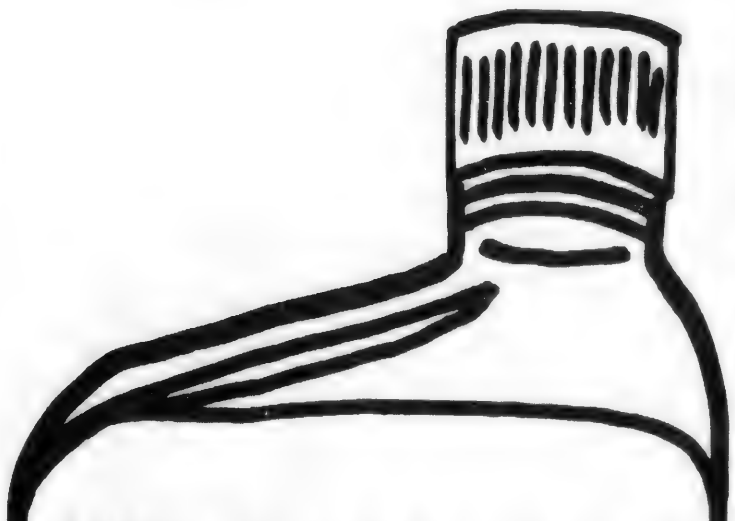

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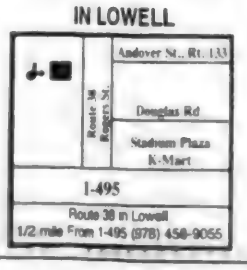

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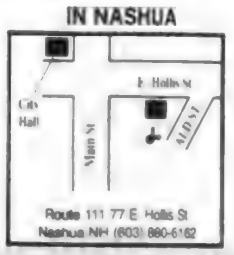

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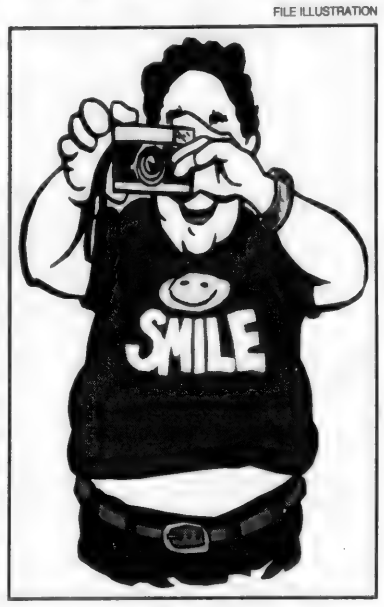

(NAPSA) – The peak travel season is upon us. To make your travels easier and more enjoyable, the globe-trotting editors at Fodors.com, a full-service online travel site, have developed the following tips.

Planning your trip

– Use a full-service Web site. The best sites allow you to research, plan and book your vacation without surfing from one site to the next. Use sites that offer a wireless service (for PDAs and cell phones) so that you can access travel content on the go – from wherever you are.

– Participate in travel discussion groups. Savvy travelers swap stories and advice on Web discussion groups. You can get lodging, restaurant and sightseeing recommendations, discover what's new in a destination or ask locals for directions.

– Pack light and use plastic. Before you travel, lay out everything you think you'll need for your trip. Then pack half of the items. Spread dry-cleaning plastic bags over your clothes as you fill the suitcase. Using bags helps to prevent major creases and helps to protect items from spills.

Making your reservations

– Read the fine print. Some online booking services add charges or taxes to your fare or offer alternative airports "near" a destination that are hours away.

– Book the back. If you travel in coach with carry-on items only and know your flight will be crowded, book a seat toward the rear of the plane to ensure that you're among the first to board. That way, you won't be stuck having to check one of your bags because there's no place to put it.

– Check that rate one last time. Shortly before you arrive at your hotel, call the front desk (not the 800 number) and ask what the best rate is. If the place isn't full, the rate might be better than your original one.

Enjoying your trip

– Feel special. Vegetarian, sodium-free, kosher and other special meals are usually better than the fare airlines serve the economy-class masses – and they're often delivered before the other meals.

– Hit the (side) streets. Explore restaurants away from a city's main square, where you might pay too much for subpar tourist-trap cuisine. Walking even a couple of blocks can increase your enjoyment and reduce your bill.

– Find out what the locals are up to. Search local newspapers and magazines to see what events locals are attending.

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In heavy saucepan, over low heat, melt chocolate with sweetened condensed milk. Remove from heat.

Meanwhile, in small saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over water; let stand one minute over low heat and stir until gelatin dissolves.

Stir gelatin into chocolate mixture. Add vanilla. Cool to room temperature. Fold in whipped cream. Spread into crust.

Chill three hours or until set. Garnish with additional whipped cream. Store covered in refrigerator.

Fruit Smoothies

Prep Time: five minutes
Servings: five

1 (14-ounce can of) sweetened condensed milk
1 (8-ounce) carton plain yogurt
1 small banana, cut up
1 cup frozen or fresh whole strawberries
1 (8-ounce) can of crushed pineapple packed with juice, chilled
2 tablespoons lemon juice from concentrate
1 cup ice cubes
Halved fresh strawberries, optional

Chill sweetened condensed milk. In blender container, combine sweetened condensed milk, yogurt, banana, whole strawberries, pineapple with its juice and lemon juice from concentrate; cover and blend until smooth.

With blender running, gradually add ice cubes, blending until smooth.

Garnish with halved strawberries, if desired. Serve immediately.

Variations:

Strawberry Smoothies

Omit banana and crushed pineapple. Proceed as directed.

Peach Smoothies

Omit strawberries and pineapple. Add 2 cups frozen or fresh sliced peaches. Proceed as directed.

Key Lime Smoothies

Omit strawberries, pineapple and lemon juice from concentrate. Add 1/3 cup key lime juice. Proceed as above. Tint with green food coloring, if desired. Garnish with lime slices, if desired.

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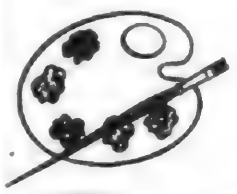

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Get outside and have some fun this summer

By Eric M. Danis

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Erin Daly and Jeff Webber, both seniors at Andover High School, relax during a recent sunny afternoon.

The upcoming spring and summer months tend to be unpredictable – from the somber occasion of Memorial Day to the joyous feeling of the last day of school, it is possible to run the full gamut of emotions. Still, certain things remain rather fixed: Many people worry about the power of the sun, dream of having the perfect barbecue, try to find fun things to do in their town and commemorate Memorial Day. It is on these traditional summer staples that we concentrate.

Commemorating Memorial Day

On Memorial Day in Andover, ceremonies will be held at 7 a.m. at West Parish Cemetery, at 7:30 a.m. at St. Augustine's Cemetery and at 8 a.m. at Spring Grove Cemetery. Andover's Memorial Day parade will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. and will travel from Florence Street to Elm Street to Punchard Avenue to Bartlet Street to Memorial Auditorium. Immediately following the parade will be Andover's annual Memorial Day services. Following the services, all participants are invited to lunch at the Doherty Middle School cafeteria from 11:45 a.m. until 1 p.m.

It's a cruel, cruel summer

Many of us already have dreams of reclining poolside and soaking up some rays. After a long winter, people seem to be clamoring to rid themselves of their pallid appearances. Before doing so, it would behoove them to consider this fact: Tans aren't necessarily healthy for the skin.

"Any tan is a form of sun damage," says Dr. Christine Andersen of Andover Dermatology.

In order to minimize sun damage, Dr. Andersen advises people to protect themselves during the hot summer months.

"A usual recommendation would be to always wear sunscreen with at least an SPF of 15 or higher," she says. "Somebody who is wearing an SPF of 15 would have 15 times the normal sunburn protection."

SPF stands for "sun protection factor," according to Dr. Andersen.

Although we've all seen the typical tourist with the sunscreen-slathered nose, one common mistake that many people make is applying too small an amount of sunscreen, says Dr. Andersen.

"Typically, people use too little sunscreen," she says. "Usually, you need to use at least an ounce for your whole body."

Another common misconception that many harbor is that sunscreen is all that is necessary for protection.

"Really, sunscreen only helps if you are practicing sun avoidance techniques," Dr. Andersen explains.

Avoidance techniques include wearing long-sleeve shirts and hats and trying to seek shade whenever possible. Dr. Andersen stresses the fact that people should "really try to avoid sunlight during the middle of the day," which she defines as 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

What about the sun worshipers who will receive sunburns at some point this sum-

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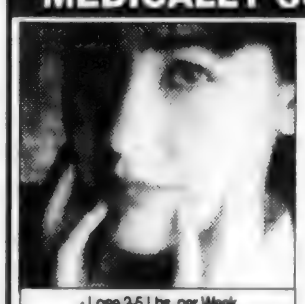

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mer? Dr. Andersen says that those seeking relief from painful sunburns can try ibuprofen or over-the-counter cortisone cream.

"Any sunburn means you've done some damage to the skin," she says.

For some sunburns, recipients should receive medical attention.

"(For) sunburns that blister, it's a good idea to check with your doctor," says Dr. Andersen.

Dr. Andersen also says that people who discover new sunspots, moles or pimple-like growths that remain for more than a month should be checked for skin cancer.

"Skin cancer is very curable if it's caught early," Dr. Andersen says.

People are becoming more alert to the dangers of the sun, says Dr. Andersen.

"I think people are more aware of it these days," she says. "People seem to be much more cautious about being out in the sun for extended periods of time."

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Thomas Purdy, 4, of Wilmington, left, and 3 1/2-year-old twins Madeline and Quinn Aldrich of North Andover have some fun at Penguin Park in Andover.

Barbecue can be fun for you

"Everyone looks forward to this time of year so they can create an outdoor event, barbecues being a favorite for most families because it's such a short season and people enjoy being in their yards," says Debra Aubut, owner of the party store Abraca Debra's in Tewksbury.

Indeed, many people this summer will be hosting barbecues. We recently asked two "summer fun experts" to give us some tips about having the ultimate barbecue.

Bob Reed, the meat manager at Star Market in North Andover, recommends having a diverse selection of meat at a barbecue.

"The easiest thing to do is have a little of everything," says Mr. Reed.

A large selection ensures that there will be something for everyone, according to Mr. Reed. He suggests serving barbecue staples, such as chicken wings and drumsticks. "I recommend marinating them. A lot of people like them spicy these days," says Mr. Reed. Boneless chicken breast is another barbecue favorite, according to Mr. Reed.

"You can also serve the basics: hamburgers and hot dogs," he notes.

Sirloin tips are another possible barbecue treat. "Those can be served straight, right on the grill as is, or you can marinate them. One of the things I highly recommend is to teriyaki them; that's the way I love them. You can't go wrong with teriyaki tips," says Mr. Reed. "If you skewer (the tips), I highly recommend to saturate the wooden skewers in water overnight, that way they won't burn."

Slicing up vidalia onions, skewering them and then placing them over the grill is also a tasty barbecue offering, according to Mr. Reed. "You want to put a little oil on those. They are super," he states.

For vegetarians, Mr. Reed recommends Boca products.

"Boca has a great line of (vegetarian) products. I've actually tried the hamburgers, and they're quite good. A little ketchup on those suckers and you'll never know the difference," says Mr. Reed.

Mr. Reed says that barbecue enthusiasts with some money to spare can enjoy expensive cuts of meat such as rib-eye or top-loin. The tenderloin, described as "the granddaddy of them all" by Mr. Reed, is also highly recommended.

A good barbecue requires a little bit of preparation, says Mr. Reed.

"You should have all of your stuff already marinaded. Marinade is something you want to do overnight. You want it to sit and soak," he says. "There are all kinds of marinades on the market. Lemon pepper is a big seller for us. It's all up to taste, and everyone is so diverse. Most people are buying it these days (as opposed to making their own). It's convenient."

Mr. Reed also notes that the person manning the barbecue should preheat the grill for 10 minutes before cooking. "That way you won't slow cook (the meat or vegetables)," says Mr. Reed.

Before starting to grill, a person running a barbecue should apply cooking spray to the grill, so that nothing sticks, and also check for gas leaks, especially before the first cookout of the season, says Mr. Reed.

Mr. Reed says that it is sometimes a mistake to get too fancy with different side dish-

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Summertime entertaining can be as simple as throwing some hot dogs on the grill or as elaborate as planning a themed outdoor party.

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es at a barbecue.

"The staples of a cookout are always going to be the staples of a cookout," he notes.

"Your basic potato and macaroni salads, chips and pickles" are usually big hits at a barbecue, says Mr. Reed. "A fruit salad is always good, too."

One common mistake at a cookout, according to Mr. Reed, is under-cooking the meat.

"Most people cook things too rare for other people. I recommend a meat thermometer," says Mr. Reed.

Mr. Reed says that cross-contamination is also an issue. Never let cooked meat mix with raw meat, and don't put cooked meat on a plate or tray that has touched raw meat, says Mr. Reed.

Finally, Mr. Reed says one other mistake that people often make is allowing meat to sit too long on a grill without flipping it. His secret to being a "grill master" involves lots of motion.

"I continuously flip the meat," says Mr. Reed. "That keeps it moist, which is my preference."

Although food is a major consideration at any barbecue, there are other factors to consider. Some people like spicing up their barbecues in non-culinary ways.

"As far as a barbecue is concerned, it's a lot of fun to create a theme for the guests. It makes it a little more exciting," says Ms. Aubut of Abraca Debra's. "There are many fun themes. You can have a pool party motif or a margarita motif."

The television show "Survivor" has become a popular party theme, says Ms. Aubut. Many people like to decorate a graduation party with the colors of the guest of honor's college or university. Others enjoy replicating an open-air market.

"A lot of people are willing to spend money on things like carts with crushed ice to create an outdoor market," says Ms. Aubut.

Creating atmosphere is important at a party and can often be achieved via party accessories, according to Ms. Aubut.

"I like outdoor lighting," she says. "Any accessories like that create great atmosphere."

Ms. Aubut also recommends piñatas and traditional party decoration such as red, white and blue streamers for Memorial Day or the Fourth of July. Balloons are also quite popular.

"They will help to pull together your color motif," Ms. Aubut says of balloons.

Eating only takes so long, so outdoor games are often desirable at a barbecue.

"Some of the old-fashioned yard games are a lot of fun for males and females," says Ms. Aubut.

Horseshoes and croquet are two popular lawn games. Other, more contemporary, sports and games can also be enjoyed at an outdoor gathering.

"It's always fun to have an activity, because it gets people socializing a little bit. It's important to get people talking and socializing. It relaxes them, too," says Ms. Aubut.

Ms. Aubut says that among the many tips she has for hosting a barbecue, one of the most important is shopping in advance.

"A lot of people will get behind, and they're shopping the week of the event. They might find out that certain things aren't available. Don't wait till the week of the event. Plan ahead so that everything you need will be there," says Ms. Aubut.

Ms. Aubut also notes that the guest list is important.

"For a fun barbecue, invite fun people," Ms. Aubut says.

Finally, Ms. Aubut says barbecue hosts would be wise to consult a party planner.

"Spend time talking with your party planner. Discuss what it is you are interested in creating," she says.

'Chill out' this summer

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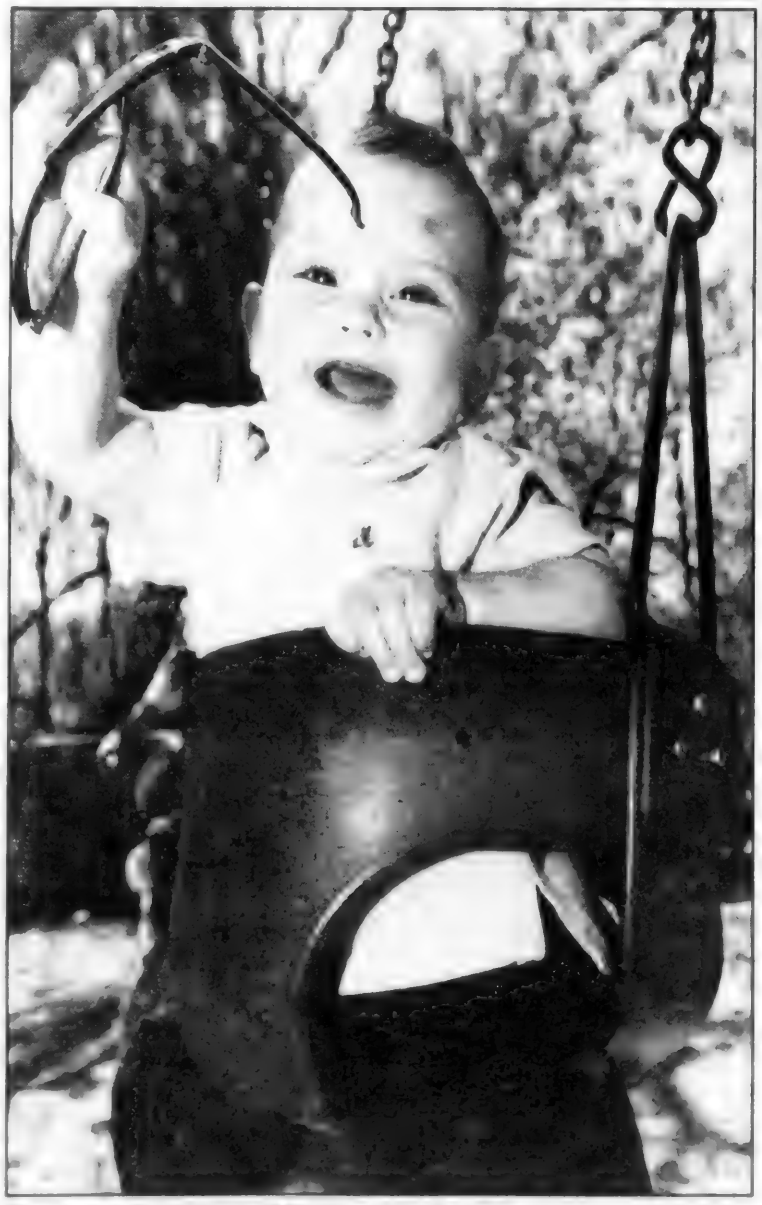

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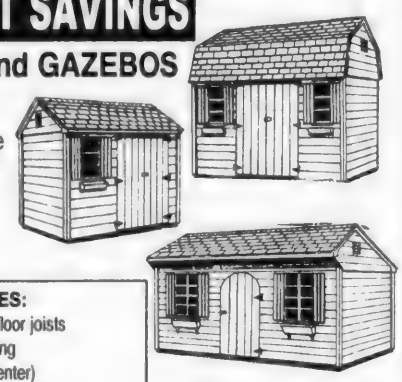

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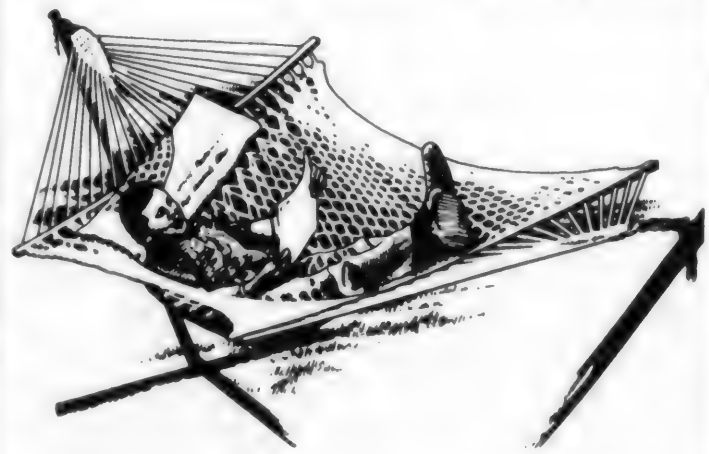

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Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., John David, Dave Rattigan, Walter Dixon, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Moon Over Buffalo, *see May 17 entry.*

Paradox, *see May 17 entry.*

Sunday, May 20

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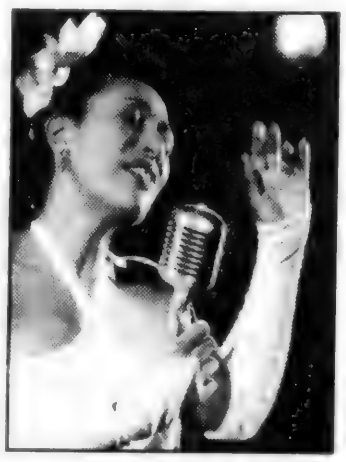

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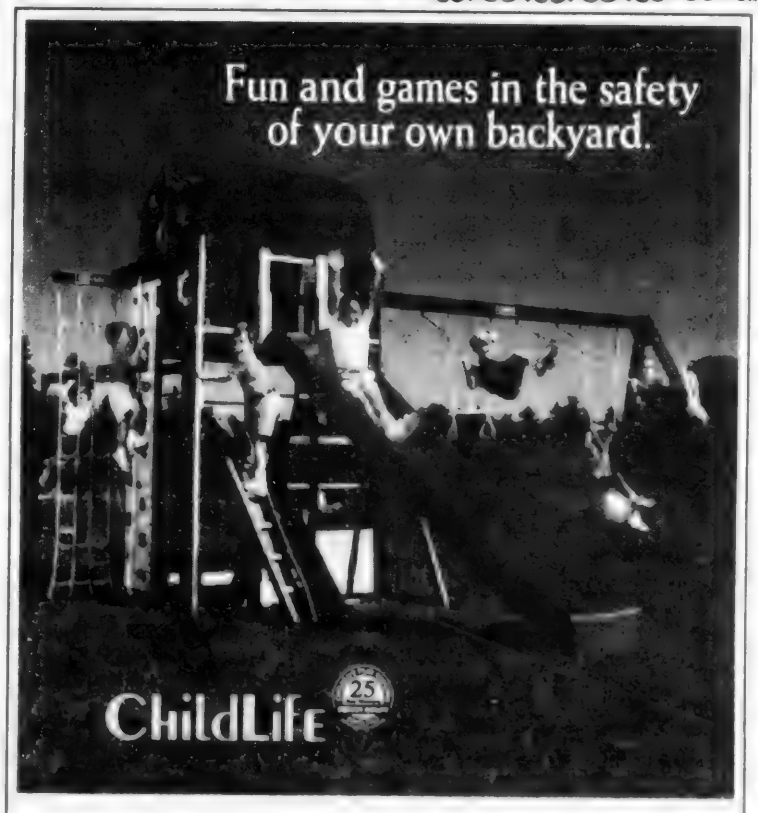

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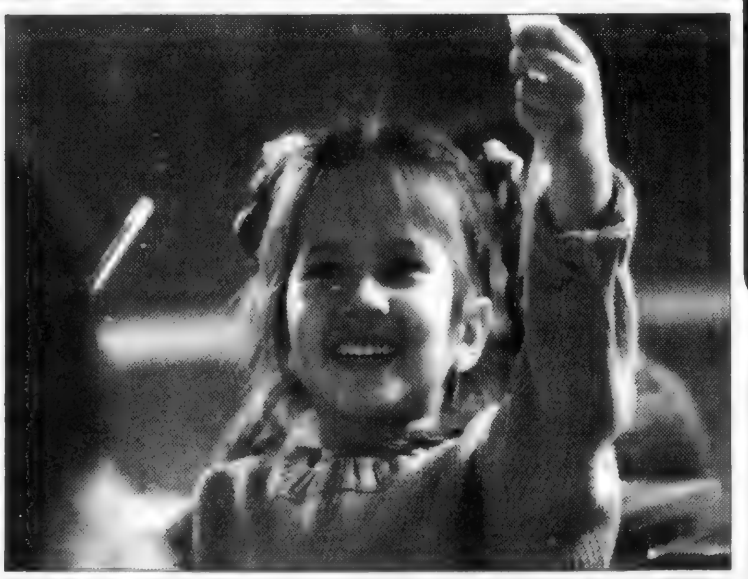

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fits Holy Family Hospital's Cancer Management Center, 9-11:30 a.m., The Loop, Pleasant Street, Methuen; 978-687-0156 Ext. 2040.

2-hour walk, sponsored by Andover Appalachian Mountain Club, meet at 1:30 p.m., Kent's Island to Ireland Point, Newbury; Steve Moore 978-462-8059.

Lecture, on Peruvian history, culture, sponsored by Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaelogy at Phillips Academy, free, 7 p.m., Heritage State Park, Jackson Street, Lawrence; 978-749-4490.

Outdoor Shavuot service, 10 a.m., Havurat Shalom, 87 Salem St.; 978-475-2857.

Chamber music concert, featuring musicians from Project STEP, $14, $7.50 seniors, students, 3 p.m., Trinity Church, 124 River Road, Topsfield; 978-887-5570.

Royal Hanneford Circus, $10.50, $6.50 children under 12, 2:30, 5:30 p.m., Tsongas Arena, 300 Arcand Drive, Lowell; 617-228, 6000, 617-931-2000, 603-868-7300.

Open house, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tifereth Israel, 501 S. Main St.; 978-474-0540.

Live comedy, 8 p.m., Patrice O'Neal, call for prices, Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; 978-687-2442.

OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD

South School community service students performed *The Wizard of Oz* recently at the Senior Center.

Monday, May 21

Golf tournament, benefits North Andover Scholarship Foundation, $145, noon, North Andover Country Club, North Andover; Rick Blain 978-749-7303.

Tuesday, May 22

Jazz, featuring The Ray Santisi Quartet, $5 cover, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; 603-893-6553.

Self esteem workshop for women, free, 6-7:30 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Elliott Way, Haverhill; 978-556-3722.

Marketing mixer, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, $10, 5-7 p.m., First Essex Bank, Haverhill; 978-686-0900.

Conference, *From Vision to Reality: Collaborating & Fundraising for Historical Records,* sponsored by Essex Ntional Heritage Area, $20, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Merrimack College; 978-740-0444.

Wednesday, May 23

Andover During the Civil War discussion, with museum assistant, researcher and Andover native Joan Patrakis, noon, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; Julie Mofford 978-475-2236.

Portrait Night, Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 978-689-9643.

Physical Fitness event, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m., various exercise programs will be demonstrated including upper body strength, yoga, and kickboxing,

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Proceeds from a raffle and sneaker "kick-off" will be given to support the efforts of the Andover Senior Center and Lawrence's Lazarus House. For more information about the event, contact Liz Lamoreaux at 978-475-2020.

Andover's O'Donnell named bank president and CEO

John M. O'Donnell has been appointed to the position of president and chief executive officer by the Board of Directors of Medford Cooperative Bank and its holding company Mystic Financial Inc.

John O'Donnell

O'Donnell joined Medford Cooperative Bank in 1996 as vice president/ commercial loan officer and was promoted to senior vice president in December 1998. He has worked in the banking industry for more than 18 years. O'Donnell resides in Andover with his wife Michele, son Zachary and daughter Caroline.

MacKenzie taught to lead

Andover Police Lieutenant William MacKenzie completed two weeks of leadership training at the Massachusetts Police Leadership Institute in Lowell, and was awarded a certificate.

MacKenzie is a 24-year veteran of the department and is assigned as a shift commander.

Businessman hosts dinner for Lawrence firefighters

Charles Daher, of Andover, the owner of Commonwealth Motors and the One Mill Street restaurant in Lawrence hosted an appreciation dinner for the entire Lawrence Fire Department last month. There are 139 firefighters in Lawrence.

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Online: Teaching to the tube

CRKI offers courses people can take without leaving office

By Adam Groff

What's the biggest difference the Internet has made in Len D'Innocenzo's business?

"Time and distance are of no concern now," he says.

In the corporate learning industry, that's a huge change, and that is why in February, D'Innocenzo, of Holt Road, merged his training consulting business, D'Innocenzo, Cullen & Associates, with New Jersey-based Eeb developer CRK Media to form CRKInteractive. He also took the business out of his home and into an office at One Dundee Park in Andover. "CRK" stands for client-focused, results-driven, knowledge-based.

Now, D'Innocenzo's Fortune-500 clients, like AT&T, Microsoft, and Computer Associates, don't have to send their people on long weekends for classroom training in customer-focused selling, or team-building, or leadership, he says; they can stay where they are and just log on to the Internet.

D'Innocenzo and his partner, Jack Cullen, brought Chicago-based Quantum Group Training Consultants into the fold as well, to form what D'Innocenzo says is a multi-million dollar business with more than 60 classes to offer sales and service organizations.

"I go back in business 30 years," says D'Innocenzo, who started out in sales at NCR Corporation, and has lived in Andover for the past nine years. "Going away for a training weekend used to be kind of nice – it used to be kind of a mini-vacation." But in today's fast-paced economy, he says, it can be more of a burden, as work rapidly piles up back in the office, or arrives via cell phone or laptop. In addition, he says, the companies themselves lose valuable revenue when they send people like technical consultants, some of whom may be billable at $1,500 per day, away for training that incurs the additional cost, not just of the course itself, but of the plane ticket and hotel accommodations.

"When we showed (our clients) that they could do this through the virtual classroom, they were all over it," says D'Innocenzo.

But what sorts of things does CRKI teach? Some of their most important courses, according to D'Innocenzo, are about basic people skills.

"Any time you have highly technical people," he says, "they tend to focus more on the technology than they do on people." So when a company like Computer Associates, for example, sells software to another company, technicians from Computer Associates have to go to that company and install the software, or fix it if something goes wrong with it, sometimes under stressful circumstances. D'Innocenzo says that while technical consultants may know all there is to know about software code, they may not be psychologically equipped to deal in a positive, constructive manner with stressed-out managers who want a problem fixed immediately.

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Conceivably, if Len D'Innocenzo wanted to take one of his company's training sessions, he could do it from home with his granddaughter Allie Aycock of Andover.

"Companies just dread those kinds of encounters," he says. So they hire training companies like CRKI, whose course "Understanding Behavioral Styles," for instance, is now available online, with information about basic personality types and insights into how best to deal with each one. It is material that D'Innocenzo and Cullen have been disseminating for more than 12 years at the front of classrooms.

"The conventional wisdom was that you couldn't do that kind of training over the Web," says D'Innocenzo. "What we proved is that not only can you do it on the Web, but in some ways you can do it better." He says people who are normally reluctant to participate in classroom activities often have no qualms about submitting useful questions or comments over the Internet.

The conversion to the Internet has not been complete, though: CRKI touts its "blended learning" approach, meaning that clients can opt for either conventional classroom training, live Internet training (log on at a specified date and time to hear a speaker and participate in activities online), or self-paced Internet training, available to individuals at any time.

D'Innocenzo hopes that the new approach will also give CRKI access to a hard-to-reach niche of the market: individual home office workers and freelancers (or "e-lancers"), of which there are more 30 million nationwide, according to government data.

"It was totally impractical for us to put together training programs for those people," he says. "We'd have to rent a room at the Wyndham, set up a seminar, advertise for it, and hope people come. Also, when people like that take time off to come to a seminar, they're not working." Now, they don't have to leave the office. "We figured that what we did for corporations, we could do for individuals," he says.

D'Innocenzo and his wife, Donna, have two grown daughters, and he is currently the director of the Service Club of Andover. More information on CRKInteractive can be found at <www.crkinteractive.com>.

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BUSINESS IN BRIEF

To lead eVisory

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Robert Wilson

Donation for Miracle Network

Re/Max Preferred of Andover and Methuen has donated $2,200 from sales commissions to the Children's Miracle Network bringing the office total to $23,570, according to Chuck Lemire, interim regional director of Re/Max of New England.

The Children's Miracle Network is an international non-profit organization that raises funds for 170 children's hospitals, with 100 percent of the funds staying in the local community. Re/Max Preferred is located at 44 Park St.

Joining Revenio

Paul Esdale of Andover has joined Revenio Inc. as vice president of business development. In this role, he will be responsible for identifying and establishing strategic partnerships across the customer relationship management arena, including alliances with leading e-business technology partners and solution- provider firms. He will also be responsible for licensing and distribution arrangements, mergers and acquisitions, and strategic transactions.

Paul Esdale

Esdale brings to Revenio more than 20 years of industry experience. He was most recently senior vice president of business development at Upromise, Inc., a savings network committed to making college more affordable for families.

Doctor elected president of surgery society

Samuel Gerber

The Massachusetts Orthopaedic Association has elected local orthopedic surgeon and Andover resident, Samuel D. Gerber, as president of the state's society for orthopaedic surgery.

Gerber represented his colleagues at the state and national level at the National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference in Washington, DC late last month. During his 2001 term of presidency, Gerber will work towards the goals of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons including education, public awareness, legislation and policy-making within the healthcare sector.

Gerber founded Orthopaedic Surgical Associates of Lowell, in 1987. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Massachusetts Lowell and an examiner for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. He also serves on the Inter-specialty Committee of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Putting stock in students

Fifth graders at Sanborn School participated in the "Stock Market Game", an annual competition focused on teaching a curriculum that involves real-life issues. To sponsor the students' participation in this program, Neal McGovern (back row, fourth from left in photo above), vice president of business development for the New England Fiduciary and Investment Management (NEFIN), a division of the Savings Bank, presented a $560 check to the students; their teacher, Amy Brady (third from left); and interim principal of the school, Stephen Jankauskas (second from right). A total of 186 teams participated in the game, which ran for 10 weeks. Each team included three or four students who competed against teams from their own school, as well as teams throughout the state. Each group started with an imaginary $100,000 and the group had to make unanimous decisions for all purchases and sales in the stock market.

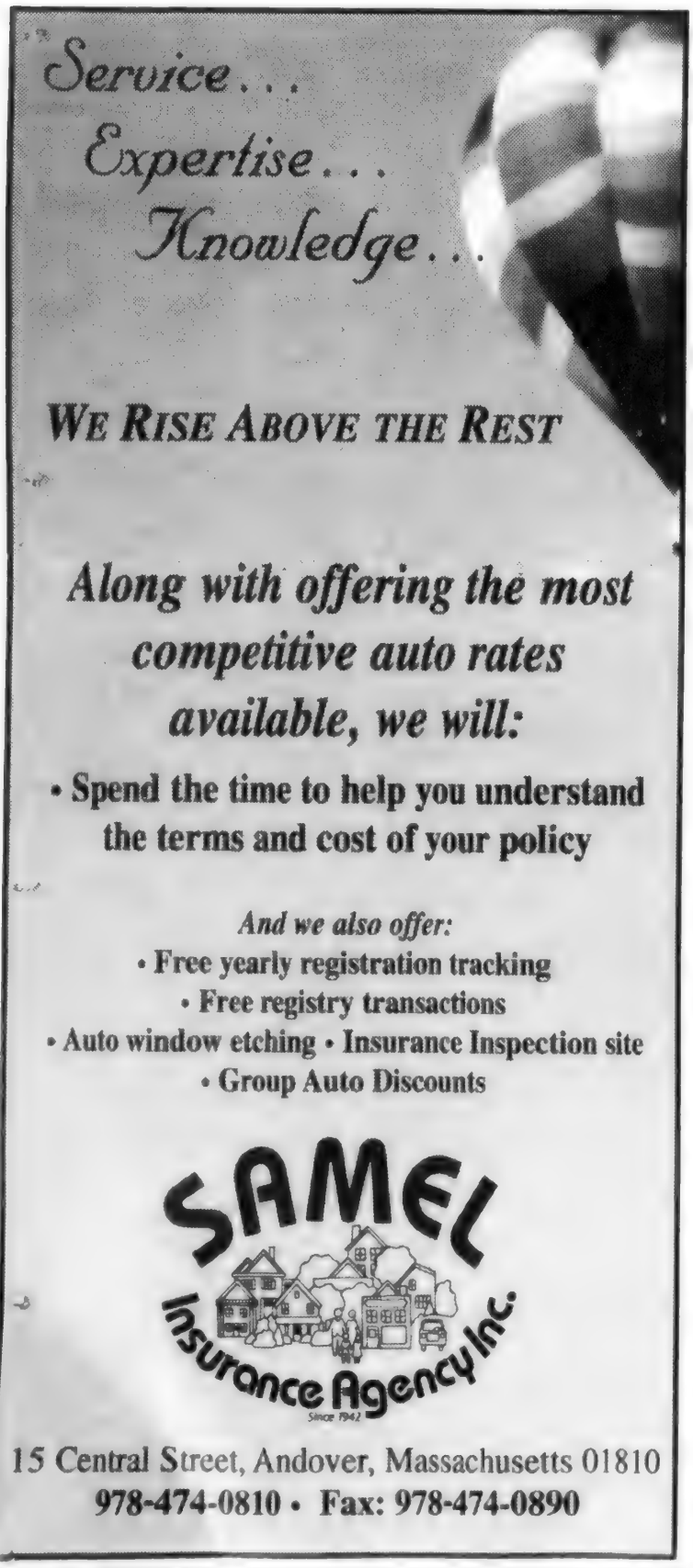
President and CEO of Millipore

Francis J. Lunger of Andover has been elected president and chief operating officer of Millipore Corp.

Lunger joined Millipore in 1997 as chief financial officer and was named chief operating officer in January, 2000. The high-technology company says it applies its purification technology to research and manufacturing applications in the bioscience and microelectronics industry.

Francis Lunger

Lunger is married and the father of three.



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Sports

AHS Roundup

Baseball, softball, boys volleyball teams hope to join tennis and girls track teams in glory

By Rick Harrison

Senior Capt. Steve Hibino and sophomore partner Jason Lynn, the No. 1 doubles team for Andover High boys tennis, advanced to the quarterfinal round of the MIAA North Sectional Individual Championships after posting three wins over two days at the Lexington High courts.

Hibino and Lynn were the only AHS boys to reach this Saturday's quarters, although five other Golden Warriors won at least two matches each and advanced past the first day of play in the single-elimination competition.

"I believe it's the first time every one of our players made it to the second day," said coach Mike Wartman. "Several of our kids had very good tournaments before bowing out."

Hibino, Rich Roda and James Kim also survived the first day after attending the AHS prom the night before.

"I actually think it (prom) made them play better," offered Wartman.

Hibino and Lynn are due back on the Lexington High courts Saturday morning to face an opponent that had not been named by presstime.

"The singles and doubles winners from the other North site will also be there," explained Wartman. "The remaining individuals and teams will be re-seeded to determine what the matchups are for the quarterfinals."

Hibino and Lynn hope to surpass last year's tourney performance by AHS first doubles Andy Chiaraluce (playing singles this year) and Pete Hughes (graduated).

Chiaraluce and Hughes reached the North final before being ousted by eventual state champions Peter Miller and Eric Conrad of St. John's Prep.

The North quarters and semifinals will be played Saturday, with the sectional final on Sunday at Lexington.

The North singles and doubles champs will meet the titlists from South, Central and Western Massachusetts in the All-State finals at Longwood Cricket Club in Brookline next month.

The AHS baseball, softball and boys volleyball teams all have their back to the wall in terms of Division 1 North Tournament qualification.

The baseball and softball teams both sported 6-8 overall records heading into games played yesterday, after *Townsman* presstime.

Both need to win the majority of their final six games to qualify, although the softballers are still within range of second place in Merrimack Valley Conference 2 which carries an automatic berth no matter what the team's overall record is.

The volleyballers needed to win all three of their remaining regular season matches, and may already have been eliminated if they lost to St. John's Prep of Danvers in a match played last night after *Townsman* presstime.

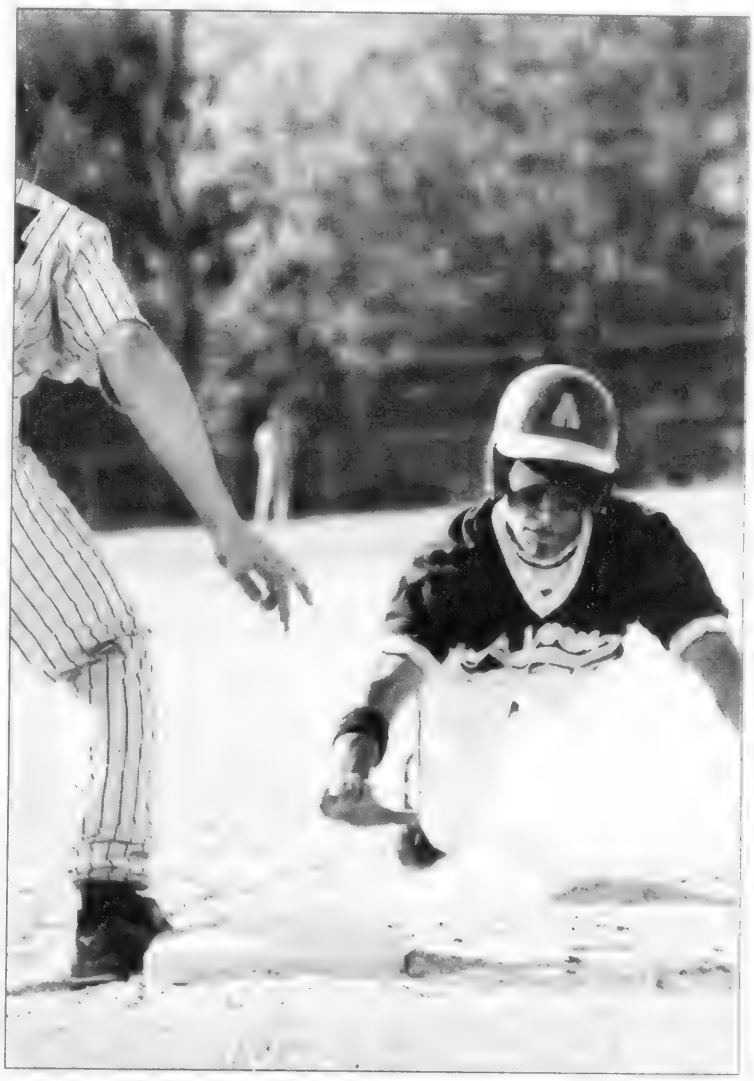
On a more positive note, the Andover girls track team has nailed down another MVC 1 dual-meet championship while both the unstoppable boys and girls tennis teams will clinch their conference titles next week.

BASEBALL

The Andover High varsity baseball team fell out of the running for the Merrimack Valley Conference 1 title, but remained in contention for a Division 1 North Tournament berth despite recent losses to Lowell and Methuen.

MVC 1 champ Lowell edged the locals, 4-2, while Methuen had one of those rare days when everything went right as they handed the locals a 27-8 setback.

AHS bounced back with a 4-1 victory over Haverhill, and those results left the locals at 6-6 in MVC 1 and 6-8 overall.



◀ **A.J. Sisodia dives back to first base. The Warriors are trying to keep their playoff hopes alive.**

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Schedule

Andover hosted MVC 2 champ Tewksbury and ace pitcher Scott Favreau (22-2 career record) in its MVC finale yesterday, and the locals play host to non-league Peabody tomorrow afternoon (3:30 p.m.).

Next week AHS plays three non-leaguers, hosting Norton in a makeup game on Tuesday (3:30), traveling to Revere on Wednesday (3:30) and playing at Peabody Friday night (7 p.m.).

Andover 4
Haverhill 1

Golden Warriors' senior lefthander Kevin Shepard continues to rack up the "must wins" for the Golden Warriors.

He kept their tournament hopes alive with a brilliant two-hit, 15-strikeout effort at Haverhill against a Hillies' team that started the season strong but has fallen to 4-11 overall and 3-9 in conference play.

AHS gave the southpaw all the support necessary with two runs in the first inning and two more in the second.

Jeff Marshall opened the game with a solo home run, while Shepard and Chris Hanlon added RBI hits.

Shepard struck out nine Haverhill batters in the first four innings on the way to his season-high Pedro Martinez-like 15 K performance.

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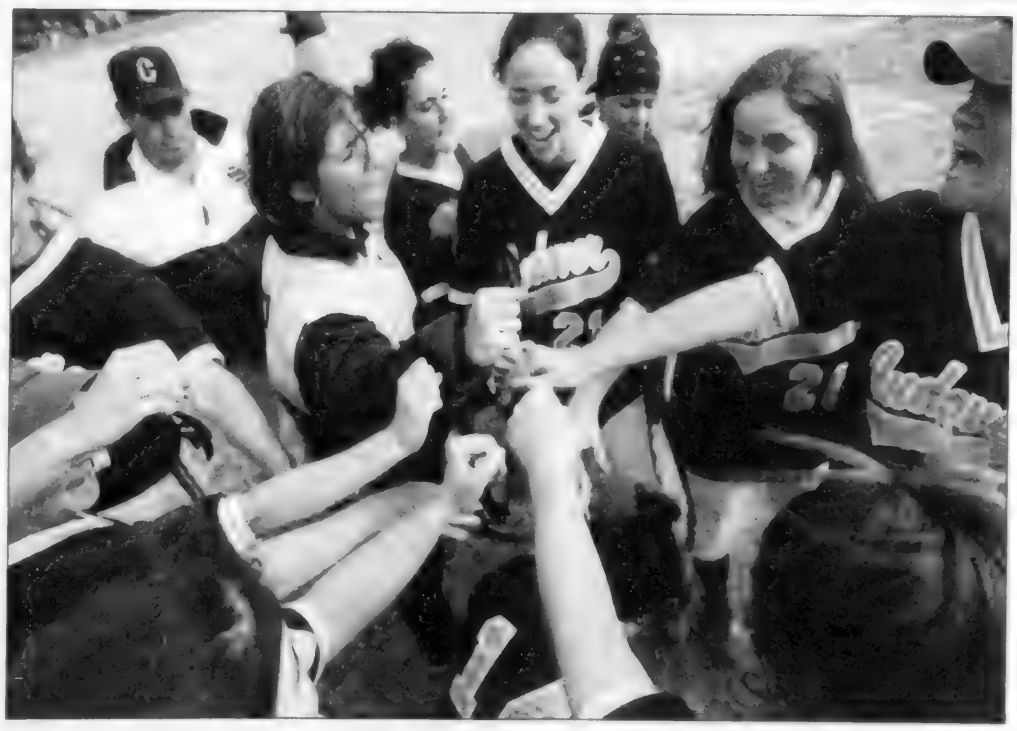

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Coach Stephanie Ragucci and her troops celebrate a win the usual way.

SOFTBALL

The bottom line: When the team plays well, they win

By Rick Harrison

Junior pitcher Kaitlin Haugh tossed her second shutout of the season, a three-hitter with seven strikeouts, as the Andover High varsity softball team played for the first time in a week and shackled visiting Dracut, 5-0, at the AHS field.

"I don't know if the time off did us good or not," said coach Stephanie Ragucci. "The bottom line is — when we play well we win."

On Tuesday afternoon the locals fell short in a key game against Notre Dame Academy, coming from behind to force extra innings before losing 9-6 in the eighth.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors (6-8 overall, 4-6 MVC 2) host MVC 1 leader Chelmsford (14-2) tomorrow afternoon (3:30 p.m.), and open play in the Methuen Tournament Saturday night with a semifinal round game against North Andover and ace pitcher Lauren Otto (7 p.m.).

Stat leaders

After 13 games Capt. Lisa Tisbert was the top hitter with an impressive .500 average on 19-for-38. She also had six RBI.

Andrea Manners wasn't far behind at .421 with 16 hits in 38 at-bats. Manners had seven RBI.

Kaitlin Haugh, who does all the pitching, had a 6-7 record with a crisp 1.11 earned run average, two shutouts and a no-hitter. In 88 innings she had allowed 58 hits and 14 earned runs while striking out 51 and walking only 15 batters.

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AHS ROUNDUP

■ BASEBALL

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Shepard and Mark Matos paced a nine-hit Andover attack with two safeties each, while Shepard also scored twice.

Jeff Volinski, Marty DeFrancisco and Jason White contributed a hit each for the locals.

Lowell 4
Andover 2

Despite a solid complete-game pitching performance by senior righthander Mark Matos, the Golden Warriors were unable to mount enough offense to knock off visiting MVC 1 leader Lowell at Peter Aumais Field.

Matos tossed a seven-hitter and allowed only two earned runs, while walking none and striking out none.

Lowell overcame a 1-0 first-inning deficit with a run in the third, two in the sixth and another in the seventh.

Andover hurt its cause by having two runners thrown out at the plate, and another doubled off first base in the seventh inning on a shallow fly ball to right-center.

AHS jumped ahead 1-0 in the bottom of the first when Kevin Shepard walked, stole second and scored on Marty DeFrancisco's single.

The locals tried to double their lead in the second, but Lowell centerfielder Mickey Ryan threw a runner out at home trying to score on a single by Jeff Marshall.

Ryan singled home winning pitcher Jim Shaughnessy with the tying run in the third.

The Golden Warriors threatened to regain the lead in the fifth, putting runners at second and third with no outs. The threat went by the boards, however, when a runner was nailed at the plate on an attempted suicide squeeze, and moments later a runner was picked off first to end the inning.

In the Lowell sixth, Derek Sodre singled, Bob Theriault dropped a run-scoring single about a foot fair down the right field line, and Tom Boyle followed with an RBI double to the gap in left-center.

Andover closed to 3-2 in the bottom of the sixth as DeFrancisco singled, stole second, and scored on a two-out throwing error by the Lowell third baseman.

In the Lowell seventh Ryan blooped a double to center, took third on a throwing error from the outfield, and scored the insurance run on an infield throwing error.

Andover got the lead runner aboard in the bottom of the seventh, bringing the tying run to the plate. The next batter blooped a fly ball to right-center, which Ryan caught in stride before firing a strike to first base which doubled off the runner and took the wind out of the Golden Warriors' sails.

DeFrancisco laced two hits for the locals, who lost to Lowell 6-1 earlier this spring, while Theriault finished 3-for-3 and Ryan added two hits for the Red Raiders.

Shepard made a nice catch of a line drive at first base in the late innings, while Lowell turned a crisp 5-4-3 double play in the fourth.

Methuen 27
Andover 8

Two days after routing Lawrence, 17-0, the Golden Warriors were blasted by host Methuen.

AHS laced 13 hits, and led 4-1 in the second inning, but Methuen scored six runs in the third and pounded across 15 runs during an improbable sixth-inning explosion that saw the Rangers bat around twice.

Jeff Marshall, Jeff Volinski, Mark Matos and Marty DeFrancisco drilled two hits each for the locals, while single safeties were contributed by Kevin Shepard, Chris Hanlon, Sean Smith, Jon Almon and Jason White.

Marshall and Volinski also had two RBI apiece and both scored twice, while Shepard, White and DeFrancisco drove in a run each.

OUTDOOR TRACK

Bruce Brown, Tim Galebach, Shahriar Ghandchi, Stephanie Pierce, Sheena Patel and Emily Pfeil were all in top form as they sparked the Andover High boys and girls track teams to a dual-meet sweep of Lowell High.

The same athletes led the way in a dual-meet sweep of Chelmsford, with the AHS girls clinching their fourth straight Merrimack Valley Conference 1 dual-meet title with the win over the Lions at Lovely Field.

The Lady Warriors finished with a 4-0 MVC 1 record and a 5-1 overall mark, while the boys were 3-1 for second place in MVC 1 and 3-2 overall.

Although the meet fell on the day after the prom, AHS still finished a solid third in the overall team standings (boys and girls combined) at the 40th annual Andover Boosters Invitational.

The girls scored 78⅓ points to finish second to Whitman-Hanson, which totaled an even 100, while the boys chalked up 93 points to place third behind Reading at 124 and Central Catholic 101.

The Golden Warriors' combined score of 171⅓ points trailed only Reading (197) and Whitman-Hanson (174) in the 11-school field.

Schedule

The annual Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meet is this Saturday at Tewksbury High (10 a.m.), and Andover will host the Eastern Mass. Class B Championship Meet a week from Saturday at Lovely Field (9:30 a.m.).

Andover boys 84
Lowell 61

Quality performances by Bruce Brown, Tim Galebach and Shahriar Ghandchi powered the Golden Warriors to an impressive win over previously-undefeated Lowell at the Lovely Field oval.

They combined for seven of 10 first-place finishes by AHS, with Brown winning three events, Galebach two and Ghandchi two.

Brown took first in the long jump with a leap of 20'9¼," first in the 100 meter sprint (11.3) and first in the 200 meters (22.9).

Galebach opened the meet by winning the two-mile run in 9:55.0, and he came back near the end of the competition to double up in the 800 meters (2:03.2) where he nipped Lowell's Pat Morasse by a half-second (2:03.7).

Ghandchi earned his double in the javelin toss (136'2") and the 400 meter run (52.6).

Bruno Zanotti had a first and second place, winning the high jump with a 5'10" leap and finishing second to Lowell three-event winner Jeff Meehan in the triple jump (41'5¼").

Andover also won both relays, posting a time of 46.2 in the 4x100 sprint relay and 3:53.2 in the 4x400.

Other AHS runners-up were Matt Delaney in the javelin (130'2"), pole vaulter Mike Morrissey (10'6"), high jumper Alex Champion (5'8"), shot putter Mark Barnaby (44'4"), Reid Clifton in the discus (144'10"), miler Phil Shaw (4:40.9), sprinter Shawn Gaines (200 meters, 23.7) and Capt. Kyle Miller in both the 110-meter high hurdles (16.1) and 300-meter intermediate hurdles (42.6).

The mile was even closer than the 800, with Shaw crossing just 1/10th of a second behind Lowell winner Andrew Downey (4:40.8).

The Golden Warriors completed their scoring with four third-place finishes by long jumper Ben Perkins (19'¾"), freshman 110-meter hurdler Vincent Errico (18.3), freshman miler Ryan Durkin (4:50.1) and Gaines in the 100 meters (11.5).

Andover girls 96½
Lowell 48½

The Lady Warriors placed first in 12 of the 17 events, sweeping the triple jump, 100 hurdles and discus, and had double wins from Capts. Stephanie Pierce, Sheena Patel and Emily Pfeil.

Pierce was tops in the long jump (15'7") and 100 meter hurdles (16.6), Patel placed first in the triple jump (34'10¾") and 300-meter intermediate hurdles (49.3), and Pfeil won the mile (5:47.0) and high jump (4'8").

Patel just missed out on a triple win as she placed second to Pierce in the long jump.

Natasha Camilo picked up eight points with a victory in the 200 meters (27.7) and second place in the high jump.

Other individual winners for AHS were two-miler Caitlin Geary (12:50.6), shot putter and Capt. Ogechi Ibe (personal-best 36'10"), Connie Brown (400 meters, 63.2) and Stefanie Auchterlonie in the discus (81'3").

Completing the sweep of the triple jump were Katie Cail and Pierce, 2-3 in the 100 hurdles were Renee Fung and Katie Gustin, and 2-3 in the discus were Valerie Berlinghien and Vicki Britton.

Andover also won the 4x100 sprint relay with Joan Moffit, Cail, Amanda Buchholz and anchor Charlene Fielding.

Others AHS runners-up were pole vaulter Courtney Hale, 300-meter hurdler Caitlin Murphy, Ashley Faulk (javelin) and Emily Pearson 800 meters).

Contributing thirds were two-miler Julia Kwolyk, Britton (shot put), Fung (pole vault), miler Holly Hinds, Janelle Larose (400 meters), Amy Palmieri (800 meters) and Fielding (high jump).

BOYS TENNIS

In addition to the North Sectionals, the Andover boys boosted their Merrimack Valley Conference record to 11-0 and the overall mark to 11-2 with recent 5-0 conference wins over Methuen, Billerica and Lawrence.

The locals also stepped out of the league and battled defending State Division 1 champ St. John's Prep of Danvers, playing the Eagles tough but dropping a 5-0 decision.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors trek to Chelmsford tomorrow, and wrap up regular season matches next week at home against Lowell on Monday and away against Central Catholic at Merrimack College on Wednesday.

All matches start at 3:30 p.m.

North Sectionals

Steve Hibino and Jason Lynn opened their sectional run with two straight-set wins the first day, ousting Burlington High second doubles Tej Bhatia and Dan Swiszez 6-1, 6-2 and North Reading first doubles Dave Fiore and Joe Zackulac 6-0, 6-0.

In the Round of 16 on day two, the Andover tandem came from behind and stayed alive by beating Reading High second doubles Matt Faulkner and Jeff Stempech 4-6, 6-2, 6-0.

"Once Steve and Jason got their

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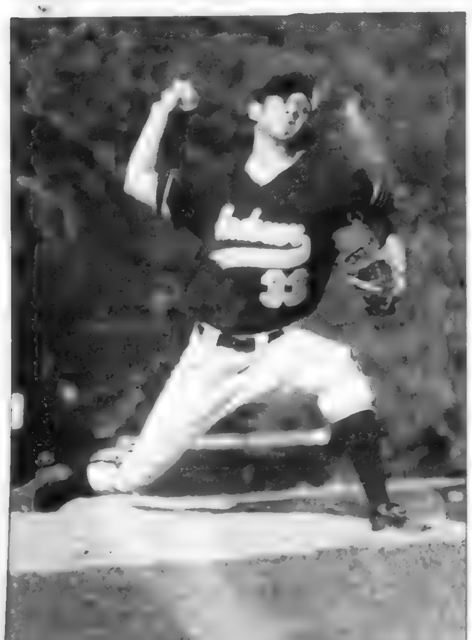

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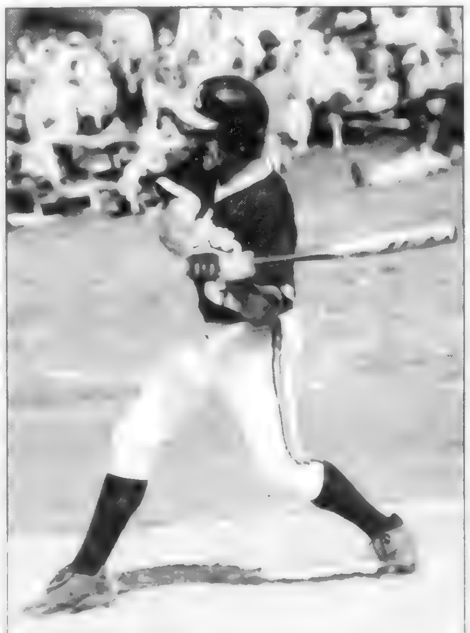

Marty De Francisco

Kevin Shepard

Mark Matos

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AHS ROUNDUP

■ BOYS TENNIS

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rhythm going in their third match they were in complete control," said Wartman.

The second doubles of senior James Kim and freshman Avi Lasser also swept two matches on day one, blasting Lynnfield High second doubles Jim Nugent and Alan Siegal 6-0, 6-0 and trimming Central Catholic second doubles Andrew Marley and Darren Giorgio 6-2, 6-3.

Kim and Lasser were eliminated in the Round of 16 when the St. John's Prep first doubles of reigning state champ Eric Conrad and new partner Eric Conway posted a 6-1, 6-2 sweep.

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In singles, Andover No. 1 Gabe Adams blasted past three opponents before losing one victory shy of the quarterfinals in the Round of 16.

His impressive wins came over North Reading third singles Mark MacDonald (6-0, 6-0), Reading first singles Matt Williams (6-4, 6-1) and Chelmsford second singles Colin Klick (6-1, 6-0).

Adams met his match in senior Ty Essler, first singles for neighboring school North Andover High, as Essler registered a 6-0, 6-2 win.

"Ty Essler moved in from Illinois this year," said Wartman. "He's a very strong and steady player. But the loss didn't diminish how well Gabe played in the tourney."

Junior second singles Andy Chiaraluce won his first match by default, and then battled back to earn a marathon 4-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-2 triumph over Reading second singles Jon Moody.

Chiaraluce was stopped in the third round the following day, as Lynnfield first singles Peter George posted a 6-2, 6-4 victory.

Senior Capt. Rich Roda launched sectional play with a 6-1, 6-1 cruise past Manchester High third singles Chris Baan, and he followed with a crisp 6-1, 6-3 dispatch of Lynn English first singles Justin Hermida.

"The win over Hermida might be the best match I've ever seen Rich play," said Wartman.

Roda faced St. John's Prep third singles Jeff Miller, one half of the reigning state doubles title team, in the third round and Miller pounded out a 6-4, 6-3 win.

St. John's Prep 5
Andover 0

Although the defending State Division 1 champs registered a sweep, every match had at least one close set and two were extended the full three-set distance.

"We were competitive at every position and it was 2½ hours of very good tennis," said AHS coach Mike Wartman. "St. John's has at least four starters back from its state championship team of last year."

Gabe Adams battled Kevin Bergeson to a first-set tiebreaker, which North Andover resident Bergeson won 7-4, and the SJP standout then rolled 6-0 in the second set.

"Gabe just lost momentum after dropping the tiebreaker," said Wartman.

Andy Chiaraluce took the Eagles' Paul Roberts to three sets at second singles before Roberts prevailed 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

Rich Roda started to heat up in the second set for AHS, but ran out of time as Eric Conrad of SJP recorded a 6-1, 6-4 victory at third singles.

Conrad and Jeff Miller formed the doubles team that won the state title at the Individual Championships last spring.

Miller, this time teamed with Eric Conway, had his hands full with Andover's Steve Hibino and Jason Lynn. Miller and Conway struggled to a 7-5 victory in the first set before rolling 6-2 in the second set.

It took three hard-fought sets before the Eagles' second doubles of Jason Stringer and Jeff LeGendre squeezed past locals James Kim and Avi Lasser, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

Andover 5
Billerica 0

All three singles slots were taken over by doubles players in this match, and they felt right at home as only one game was lost in the six sets.

Jason Lynn played first singles and routed the Indians' Adam Laferriere 6-0, 6-0, while James Kim made his first appearance at second singles and registered a similar 6-0, 6-0 triumph over Chris Craig.

Avi Lasser was the third singles representative and he skewered Brendan McGrath 6-1, 6-0.

"It was nice to be able to give them a chance to play singles and they all enjoyed the change," said coach Wartman.

In doubles, Andrew Ong and Alex Cline handled the BMHS duo of Matt Knowles and Kevin Sheppard 6-3, 6-0 at No. 1.

Junior Nick Culver, playing his first varsity match, teamed with Andy Turow at second doubles and the pair rolled to a 6-0, 6-0 whitewash of Chris Casey and Alex Bonacci.

Andover 5
Methuen 0

The Golden Warriors dominated once again as they dropped only three games in singles and none in doubles while quickly dispatching the visiting Rangers.

Recording similar 6-0, 6-0 sweeps in doubles were Steve Hibino and Jason Lynn, who scorched Gregor Apparetti and Han Troung, and the Dave Wholey/Andy Turow duo who crushed Jamie Sansaewang and Kevin Eng.

Gabe Adams was also flawless in a 6-0, 6-0 first singles sweep of Methuen's Kevin Riopelle.

Andy Chiaraluce demolished Jeff Melanson 6-2, 6-0 at second singles, and Rich Roda trampled Jason Chan 6-0, 6-1 at third singles.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Although they made a nice little run recently, winning three matches in a row over Lowell, Westford Academy and Dracut, it appears the Andover High boys volleyball team will fall just shy of Division 1 North Tournament qualification.

Teams must win at least 50 percent of their matches to make the tourney, something AHS has done 12 of the last 13 years.

But a 2-0 loss to powerhouse Haverhill earlier this week pushed the Golden Warriors firmly against the wall with a 7-10 overall record.

They needed to win their final three matches to qualify, and it seemed unlikely with the locals scheduled to face another power, St. John's Prep of Danvers, yesterday after *Townsman* presstime.

Schedule

Andover hosted St. John's Prep of Danvers in the crucial match yesterday, and returns to the court tomorrow afternoon at Billerica (4 p.m.).

The regular season finale is next Monday at the Dunn Gym against vastly-improved Chelmsford.

Andover 2
Westford Academy 0

The locals completed a home-and-home season series sweep of the Grey Ghosts with a 15-10, 15-12 victory at the Dunn Gym.

"We blocked well and played well enough to win," said coach Sullivan. "There may have been a slight letdown after the big win over Lowell the previous match."

The Golden Warriors were without Capt. Josh Brooks, who was away at Mass. Maritime taking a math test.

Steve Johnson played an errorless match as he finished 19-for-19 hitting, with five kills, and 12-for-12 serving.

Elliot Perkins played well at the net with 21-for-24 hitting and four kills, while Cameron Day went 5-for-5 hitting.

Solid in the serving department were Stu Smilowitz (12-for-15), Shawn Furey (9-for-9), Tim An (7-for-7) and Alan MacLean (5-for-9).

An and Smilowitz did a good job setting and Furey contributed solid defense.

David Hsu played up front and drew praise from the coach. "David has excellent vertical leaping ability and he hits the ball hard," said Sullivan.

AHS made seven serving errors and did not have an ace.

The Andover JVs won the prelim 2-0 with convincing 15-1 and 15-7 victories.

Playing well were Steve Gerstein (setting, serving), freshman Pete Micheline (serving), Jake Kleinman (serving), Anthony DiLorenzo (setting) and Andy Ahern (hitting).

Andover 2
Dracut 0

AHS systematically avenged an earlier 2-1 loss to the Middies with a symmetrical 15-8, 15-8 sweep at the Dunn Gym.

"We played so much better than we had against Westford," said Sullivan. "We served better, we moved the ball around and we took the wind out of their sails by blocking well and hitting hard."

Steve Johnson led the hit parade with 10 kills and 14-for-18, while Alan MacLean was 18-for-20 with five kills. Elliot Perkins 13-for-17 with five kills and Josh Brooks 12-for-15 with five kills upon his return.

Other top hitters were Stu Smilowitz (8-for-8), Adam Martel (7-for-8) and George Lewis (6-for-8, one kill).

The locals broke their service ace drought by registering a season-high six unreturnable serves.

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PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

▲ **Here comes the pitch from Katie Haugh.**
▼ **Meagan Merinder is ready to hit.**

Softballers still within range

■ SOFTBALL

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Andover 5
Dracut 0

While Kaitlin Haugh, whose other shutout this spring was against Haverhill (3-0), was handcuffing the punchless Middies the locals were scoring the only run necessary in the bottom of the first.

Taylor Traub beat out a bunt single, took third on a two-out single by Andrea Manners, and scored on a single to right field by sophomore Dana Medaglio.

The Lady Warriors made it 3-0 with two runs in the third. Lisa Tisbert, who hit the ball hard four times, drilled a one-out single to center and stole second and third base.

Manners spanked an RBI single to left, and she eventually crossed on a two-out single to center by Katie Mullen.

The final two runs came in the fourth, after two were out, with a slash bunt by Kerri Axelrod starting the rally.

The Dracut outfielders were playing Tisbert in the next county every time she batted, and she was able to take advantage by looping a single to left-center. Axelrod sped to third on the hit, and Tisbert moved up to second on the throw to third.

Manners then capped a productive afternoon with a two-run single to center.

Haugh, who also has three one-run games to her credit and pitched a no-hitter against Nazareth Academy in late April, did not allow a Dracut runner to third base and only once had two Middie runners aboard (third inning).

Manners led the attack with a perfect 3-for-3 day and three RBI, while Tisbert and Axelrod added two hits each and Tisbert scored twice.

"Lisa (Tisbert) could easily have gone 4-for-4," said Ragucci. "She hit one fly ball a mile that was caught, and she lined a shot off a Dracut infielder's shin that the girl was able to track down and throw her out."

Defensive standouts for Andover were centerfielder Axelrod and junior catcher Kara Spang.

This marked the eighth time in 12 games this spring that Dracut has been shut out.

Notre Dame Academy 9
Andover 6

The Lady Warriors lost to NDA of Tyngsboro (12-6, 5-5 MVC 2) for the second time this season, as the host Lancers exploded for six runs in the top of the eighth and withstood a three-run Andover rally in the bottom of the extra inning.

The result pushed Notre Dame a game ahead of Andover in the battle for second place in MVC 2.

Lefthander Jacki Kinsman picked up the pitching victory over Kaitlin Haugh.

Lisa Tisbert and Andrea Manners fueled the eighth-inning comeback attempt with back-to-back RBI singles.

The game was delayed for more than a half-hour in the bottom of the seventh when the Notre Dame centerfielder was hurt in a collison with the second baseman while making a catch on a shallow fly ball.

The player was shaken up and taken from the field by ambulance.

AHS ROUNDUP

■ BOYS VOLLEYBALL

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Top servers were Smilowitz (8-for-9, two aces), David Hsu (8-for-9, two aces), Johnson (7-for-9, one ace), Martell (6-for-7, one ace), Shawn Furey (6-for-6), MacLean (5-for-6) and Lewis (2-for-2).

The AHS junior varsity stumbled after a strong start in the prelim, losing 2-1 as Dracut rallied for a 15-17, 15-2, 15-11 victory.

Haverhill 2
Andover 0

This was a match Andover desperately needed to win, but the Hillies (15-1) were rude hosts as they rolled to a 15-2, 15-8 victory which dealt a severe blow to the locals' tournament qualification hopes.

"We didn't play well," admitted coach Sullivan. "They're an excellent team — but it seemed some of our kids were still thinking about the prom three days later.

"Haverhill destroyed us in the first game. The second game was back and forth until it got to 8-7 and then they dominated and pulled away."

Josh Brooks was the top AHS hitter with 13-for-16 and two kills, while Alan MacLean was 10-for-11 and Elliot Perkins 9-for-10.

George Lewis and Cameron Day both went 2-for-2, while sophomore middle hitter Steve Johnson just didn't handle the ball much.

Andover served flawlessly, not making an error, but the opportunities were limited and there were no service aces.

David Hsu finished 6-for-6 serving, Stu Smilowitz and Johnson were both 5-for-5, Shawn Furey 4-for-4, MacLean 3-for-3 and Adam Martel 2-for-2.

"The kids tried but it was a disappointing day," said Sullivan.

The Andover JVs fell to 12-5 overall with a 2-1 loss to undefeated Haverhill (16-0) in the prelim.

Steve Gerstein (setting), Tony DiLorenzo (setting), Andy Ahern (hitting) and Ryan Donahue (hitting) all played well for AHS, but the Hillies won the match 15-5, 8-15, 15-8.

GIRLS TENNIS

The Andover girls tennis team moved closer to another undefeated regular season, improving to 14-0 overall with a pair of 5-0 victories over Billerica and Lawrence High.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors host Chelmsford tomorrow, and wrap up regular season play with three matches in four days next week at Lowell (Monday), home versus Central Catholic (Wednesday) and at Notre Dame Academy in a makeup of the scheduled season opener April 6 (Thursday).

All matches start at 3:30 p.m.

Andover 5
Billerica 0

There were several new faces in the lineup as the locals swept all five matches, dropping only 10 games in singles and three games in doubles.

Sophomore Betsy Pierce played first singles and scored a workmanlike 6-2, 6-3 victory over the Indians' Nicole Fitzgerald.

Sophomore Jenicka Hornung shifted from doubles to second singles and put a 6-2, 6-0 hurt on Jenna Dupre.

Freshman Brittany Roy handled third singles expertly with a 6-1, 6-2 sweep of Liz Reinecker.

At first doubles, sophomore Helen Hodges and junior Lynn Spitzer galloped past Monica Giddings and Jessica Granfield of BMHS 6-2, 6-1.

Second doubles was the only whitewash of the afternoon as sophomore Minnesota transfer Angela Shockley and freshman Wendy Chen blitzed Kathleen Quin and Jocelyn DeCoste 6-0, 6-0.

The Andover girls indoor field hockey team took top honors in the recent Topsfield Premier League Tournament. The locals went undefeated in four games to capture their second consecutive spring tourney title. The Andover squad won with aggressive play and excellent balance between offense, defense and goaltending. The team consists of a mixture of sophomores and juniors that will return to the Andover High field hockey team next fall in hopes of directing the Lady Warriors to another MIAA Division 1 North Tournament berth. Team members included Kara Spang, Angelica Rotsart, Grace Farnham, Joan Moffitt, Stephanie Casper, Tristina Carlson and Meg Reilly.

BOYS LACROSSE

The Andover High boys varsity lacrosse team butted heads with two powerful opponents recently, giving once-beaten Billerica all it could handle before dropping a 12-11 Merrimack Valley Conference decision and then bowing 12-3 to once-beaten host Lincoln-Sudbury in a non-leaguer Tuesday evening.

The Golden Warriors had allowed only one opponent (North Andover) to score in double figures prior to these two games.

Andover is now 10-4 overall and finished with a 4-2 record for second place behind Billerica (6-0) in the Merrimack Valley Conference.

Schedule

AHS hopes to avenge an 11-7 defeat to North Andover when the locals battle the Scarlet Knights in a non-league game tomorrow night under the lights at Alvah G. Hayes Stadium (7 p.m.).

The regular season ends next week with two more non-leaguers, at powerhouse Winchester on Tuesday (4 p.m.) and home versus Waltham on Thursday (4 p.m.).

Scoring leaders

Troy Lieberman leads the team in total points through 14 games with 17 goals and 16 assists for 33 points.

Jeff Ahern has 26 points, including a team-high 24 goals, while Nate Stoetzel had 15 goals, nine assists for 24 points.

Billerica 12
Andover 11

The Golden Warriors came within an eyelash of upsetting perennial state power and MVC champ Billerica in their rematch at the Doherty Middle School.

BMHS, which improved to 14-1 with this win, trailed 7-4 at the half and 10-7 with less than eight minutes left in the game.

The Indians then scored three goals in about one minute to tie the game, 10-10, and with 2:58 to play Jarrett Scarpaci broke an 11-11 tie with the winning goal.

"It was nice to play this kind of game against a team of Billerica's caliber," said coach Puglisi. "We're doing some very nice things now.

"The first time we played them (6-2 BMHS win) we played very well defensively — but didn't do enough on offense.

"This time we played well enough on offense to win, but we turned the ball over too much and had a number of costly breakdowns on defense.

"Chris (goaltender Cataldo) made some tremendous saves to keep it close," said Puglisi.

The usual suspects did the scoring for Andover, Jeff Ahern netting a hat trick while adding two goals apiece were Nate Stoetzel, Troy Lieberman, Oliver Gregory and Greg Drapeau.

Stoetzel also passed out two assists and other setups were credited to Chris Callison, Lieberman and Drapeau.

Cataldo finished with 23 saves.

"All the kids that scored for us played awesome games," said Puglisi. "Ahern is the best midfielder I've coached at Andover and he's right up with the best I had at Winchester."

BOYS TENNIS

NORTH SECTIONAL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
at Lexington High

SINGLES
First Round
Gabe Adams (Andover) def. Mark MacDonald (North Reading), 6-0, 6-0
Andy Chiaraluce (Andover) won by default
Rich Roda (Andover) def. Chris Baan (Manchester), 6-1, 6-1
Second Round
Gabe Adams (Andover) def. Matt Williams (Reading), 6-4, 6-1
Andy Chiaraluce (Andover) def. Jon Moody (Reading), 4-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-2
Rich Roda (Andover) def. Justin Hermida (Lynn English), 6-1, 6-3
Third Round
Gabe Adams (Andover) def. Colin Klick (Chelmsford), 6-1, 6-0
Peter George (Lynnfield) def. Andy Chiaraluce (Andover), 6-2, 6-4 (Chiaraluce eliminated)
Jeff Miller (St. John's Prep) def. Rich Roda (Andover), 6-4, 6-3 (Roda eliminated)
Round of 16
Ty Essler (North Andover) def. Gabe Adams (Andover), 6-0, 6-2 (Adams eliminated)

DOUBLES
First Round
Steve Hibino & Jason Lynn (Andover) def. Tej Bhatia & Dan Swiszez (Burlington), 6-1, 6-2
James Kim & Avi Lasser (Andover) def. Jim Nugent & Alan Siegal (Lynnfield), 6-0, 6-0
Second Round
Steve Hibino & Jason Lynn (Andover) def. Dave Fiore & Joe Zackulac (North Reading), 6-0, 6-0
James Kim & Avi Lasser (Andover) def. Andrew Marley & Darren Giorgio (Central Catholic), 6-2, 6-3
Round of 16
Steve Hibino & Jason Lynn (Andover) def. Matt Faulkner & Jeff Stempech (Reading), 4-6, 6-2, 6-0
Eric Conrad & Eric Conway (St. John's Prep) def. James Kim & Avi Lasser (Andover), 6-1, 6-2 (Kim & Lasser eliminated).

MATCH SATURDAY
Quarterfinal Round
at Lexington High
Steve Hibino & Jason Lynn (Andover) vs. TBA, 9:30 a.m.

Parents question the direction of the fine arts department

■ BRANDON PSENICKA

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contract has not been renewed, he could stay on as marching band director, which is an extracurricular position compensated with a stipend.

"We've never tried to take that position away from him," said Bach. "If we had a person who was a social-studies teacher and a football coach, and he was a great football coach but had teaching problems, it would still be a concern. The needs are very different. People say music is music, but marching band, and football, are extracurricular activities." Bach acknowledged, however, that it would be awkward to be a marching band director in one district while teaching in another.

Meanwhile, band parents are beginning to come to terms with Psenicka's dismissal, and they are asking broader questions about the direction of the fine arts program. Deyermond said that she, Hastings, and her predecessor as band association president, Gloria Davis of Oriole Drive, will be meeting privately with Bach next week to discuss their concerns.

Asked what her goals are for the program, Davis said, "Aside from this miracle of having Brandon reinstated? One would hope that the person who is brought on board would have Brandon's gift for inspiring kids, to make them want to play, to excite them, to bring them in. I'm looking for someone who will help the program grow, who will stay, and that seems hard to do in this department."

"I've tried to stay away from this as much as possible," said Psenicka of the brouhaha surrounding his dismissal. "I don't want to get involved in the politics."

Marching Band plans bottle drive, open house

The Andover High School Marching Band will hold a can and bottle recycling drive at West Middle School on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Deposits from the cans and bottles will help the band buy, repair, and maintain instruments, equipment, and color guard uniforms and to award scholarships to graduating band members. Band parent Becky Davidovits (978-474-0536) can arrange for a band member to pick up your recyclables at your home if you are unable to bring them on the 19th.

The award-winning marching band will hold an open house for prospective band and color guard members and parents on Monday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in the band room.

Band director Brandon Psenicka, current band members, and parents will be on hand to answer questions and talk about all aspects of the marching band experience. You'll hear that band is not only about making music; it's also about teamwork and friendship, among other things. Contrary to a statement in the AHS course catalog, you do not need to be a member of concert band to be in marching band.

SPORTS BRIEFS

May 29 golf tournament to benefit St. Augustine School

The 11th annual St. Augustine School Sister Mary Rosalie Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Tuesday, May 29 at the Andover Country Club.

This is an annual event held in memory of Sister Mary Rosalie, a former principal of the school who died in a car accident. All proceeds from the tournament are for the benefit of the children and programs at St. Augustine School. Tournament players can elect to play in the morning scramble, the afternoon best ball round or play both morning and afternoon.

There will be prizes for top finishers as well as tee gifts and prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin and other contests. Morning prices include Andover Country Club breakfast and lunch; afternoon prices include Andover Country Club lunch and dinner. The morning tee time is 7:30 a.m.; the afternoon tee time is 1 p.m. Registration fees include tee gifts, meals and entry into all contests. Registration fees for the morning tee time is $155, afternoon tee time, $195, and $255 to play both.

For more information (978) 475-2414.

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Andover Training Station, 5 Dundee Park; 978-475-2020.

Thursday, May 24

Women's Night Out, sponsored by Rosh Chodesh, discussion centered on the Ten Commandments, 7:30 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch, 310 No. Main St.; 978-475-1853.

Workshop for parents and teens, on healthy teen dating relationships, sponsored by Stevens Memorial Library and YWCA of Lawrence, 6-7 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; Jill Barker 978-688-9505.

Midsummer Night's Dream, Tufts Scene Study, $5, 7 p.m., Balch Arena Theater, Aidekman Arts Center, Tufts University, Medford; 617-627-3493.

Live comedy, 8 p.m., Tom Clark, call for prices, Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; 978-687-2442.

Friday, May 25

Jazz, Atlantic Grille, 9 p.m., Palmer's, 18 Elm St.; 781-599-2307.

Live music, with Phil Porter on piano, Steve Marvin on vocals, 7:30-11:30 p.m., no cover, PorterHouse, 100 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-373-5100.

Live comedy, 8 p.m., Rosie's Bachelorette party, 10:30 p.m., Chance Langton, Kerri Louise, Quinn Collins, call for prices, Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; 978-687-2442.

Midsummer Night's Dream, *see May 24 entry.*

Saturday, May 26

Concert, Treble Chorus of New England, $10, 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College; 978-837-5461.

Blues concert, featuring Jon Shain, $10, 8 p.m., Universalist-Unitarian Church, 15 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill; 978-374-2356.

Nuclear weapons info fair, with author William Lambers, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; 978-688-9505.

Native American jewelry trunk show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Churchill Gallery, 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

Live music, with Phil Porter on piano, Karen Cameron on vocals, 7:30-11:30 p.m., no cover, PorterHouse, 100 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-373-5100.

Sunday, May 27

Live comedy, 8 p.m., Spike Tobin, call for prices, Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; 978-687-2442.

Parker River Festival, organized by Parker River Clean Water Association, all-day event, Newbury; 978-462-2551.

Different channels

■ CABLE TV IN ANDOVER

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control of the Andover contract. But that hasn't affected the level of service, he says.

"I think the service quality is very good," Dempsey says. In fact, the biggest complaint the committee has received in the last six months was regarding AT&T's sales pitches, and not the actual service.

If Andover doesn't have the Food Network, then Goldsmith is not the only one not watching it, Dempsey says. The service offered by AT&T is relatively consistent from community to community, meaning that if Andover residents can't watch their favorite cooking shows, neither can those in North Andover, Reading or Methuen. But he offers hope to the hungry.

"There are always people asking for different channels, and (AT&T) is constantly changing them," he says.

For example, AT&T currently carries New England Sports Network (NESN) as a premium service – a channel that customers can pay for, in addition to their monthly charge, like HBO. AT&T is negotiating with the network to carry NESN as part of its basic cable service, says AT&T representative Bob Carr, who attends the committee's meetings. As to what other channels could come Andover's way, however, Carr could not predict.

"We're constantly reviewing our channel network," he says. "It's a question of what's available and what people want."

In fact, it's easier for the service provider to add channels to a digital service, where there is unlimited room for programming, than it is to standard or basic cable, adds Khoury.

But Goldsmith, who has two digital hookups and is about to install a third, isn't satisfied. He won't be a happy man until someone at AT&T grants his request. What does he offer as incentive? "I might consider their phone service someday," he says.

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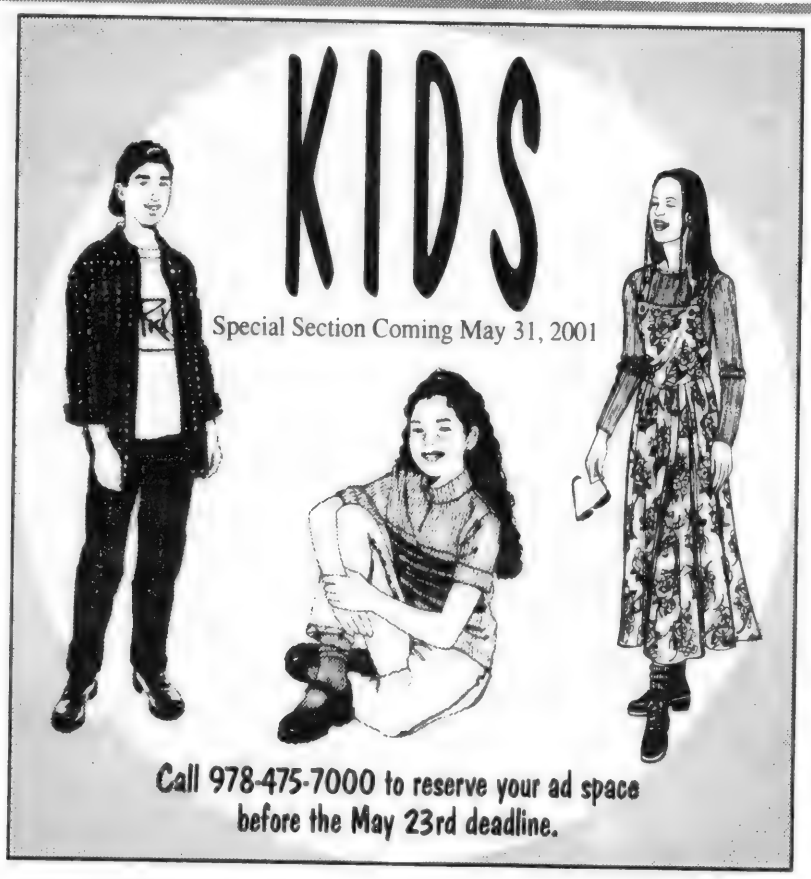

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That said judgment permanently enjoin the defendants, each of them, and all persons claiming under them, from asserting any adverse claim to the plaintiffs' title to the premises described above.

We **COMMAND YOU** if you intend to make any defense, that on **06/11/2001** or within such further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court at Lawrence, in the County of Essex, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing in the Andover Townsman, a newspaper published in said Andover, Essex County, MA, once a week for three consecutive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20 days before said return day.

Dated at Lawrence, this 19th of April, 2001

Isaac Borenstein RAJ

Thomas H. Driscoll, Jr.
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By: Kevin Jones
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May 3, 10 & 17, 2001

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

PETITION TO FORECLOSE TAX LIEN

(SEAL) **No. 123444 T.L.**

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by the Town of Andover, in the County of Essex, and said Commonwealth, to foreclose all rights of redemption from the tax lien proceeding described in said petition in and concerning a certain parcel of land situate in said Andover, in the County of Essex, and in said Commonwealth, bounded and described in said petition as follows:

Land in said Andover at 8 Agawam Lane, shown as Parcel 15 on Assessors' Map 50, being Lot 71 on a plan recorded in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, Plan #5806, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 1329, P. 562.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said petition you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer, under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said petition, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (at the Edward W. Brooke Courthouse), on or before the ninth day of July next.

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And in addition to the usual service of this notice as required by law, it is ordered that the foregoing citation be published forthwith once in the Andover Townsman a newspaper published in Andover.

Witness, PETER W. KILBORN, esquire, Chief Justice of said Court this fourteenth day of May in the year two thousand and one.

Attest with Seal of said Court

Charles W. Trombly, Jr.
Recorder

Plaintiff's Attorney:
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May 17, 2001

OFFICE OF THE
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COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Town Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, on Wednesday, June 06, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Christian Huntress for the erection of five signs at the entrances to the BallardVale Historic District Signs are to be located on Andover Street (2 locations) River Street, Tewksbury Street, and Clark Road. The application is available for inspection in the Office of the Inspector of Buildings during business hours, Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Dennis Ingram,
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May 17, 2001

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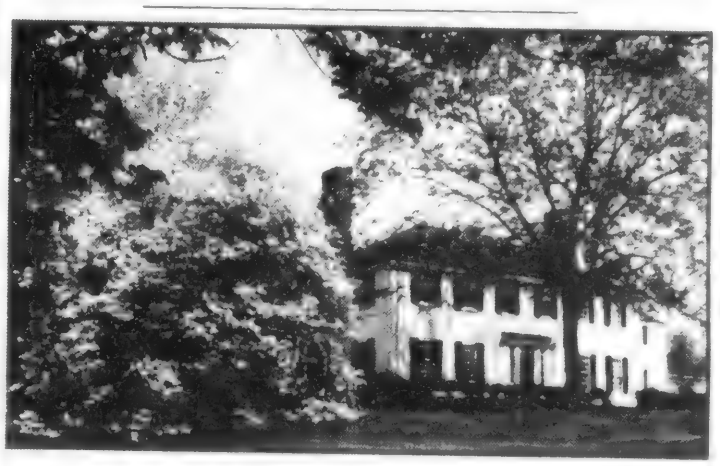

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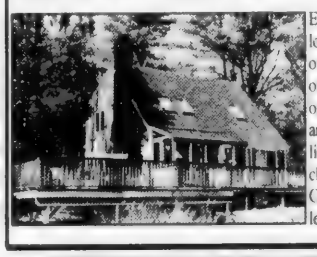

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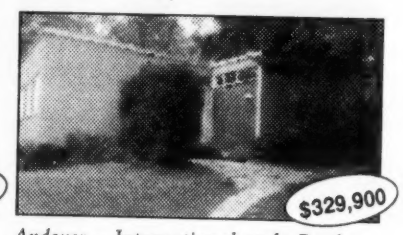
Andover ~ Garden Condo 5 RMs, 2 BR spacious floor plan. LR w/sliders to balcony, parquet floors, low condo fee.
Call Mary Reynolds.


$329,900

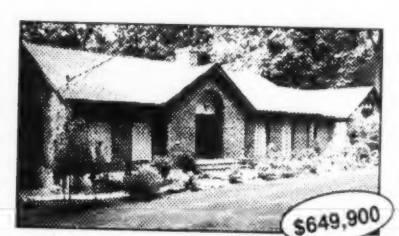
Andover ~ International style Bauhaus design by Norman Fletcher. Great alternative to condo living, 3 RMs, 1 BR nestled in Johnson Acres.
Call Bill Buck.

$499,900

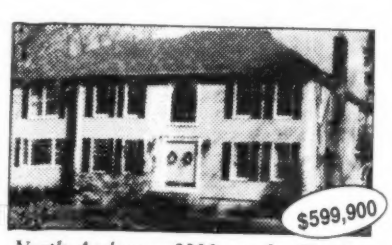
Andover ~ 1st AD! Sun drenched Cont. Colonial, 8 RM's, 4 BR, 3.5 BA's, soaring ceilings, walls of glass, c/air, wrap around mahogany deck, great value.
Call John Cusack

$537,000

Andover ~ Colonial 11 RM, 4 BR, 2.5 BA's on cul-de-sac. formal LR, office or formal DR, fieldstone FP FR, mstr BR w/FR & balcony, c/air, c/vac, sprinkler/sec. sys.
Call Silvija Aprans/Linda Connolly.


$649,900

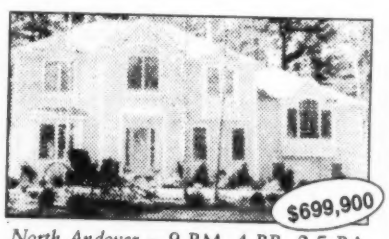
Andover ~ Just Listed! Walk to dntn, Phillips Academy & Pike Sch, 10 Rms., 3+ BR, 3 BA's, wd flrs, cath ceil, new master BR addition, & inground pool.
Call Arlene Santangelo.


$599,900

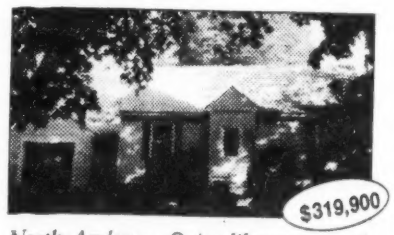
North Andover ~ 3200 sq. ft. Charlie Carroll built Colonial. 10+ rms incl. oak kit, front to back FP FR, LR & DR w/hrdwd flrs. mstr suite, finished LL on 2 acres on cul-de-sac.
Call John Cusack.

$739,900

North Andover ~ 11 RM, 4BR, 2.3 BA's English Tudor w/1st flr study, sunrm, FP LR, FP FR, hdwd flrs.
Call Valerie Duffield.


$699,900

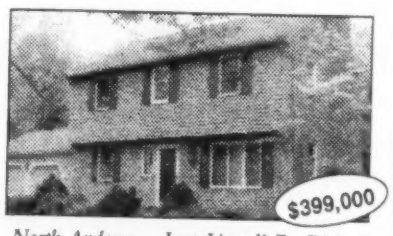
North Andover ~ 9 RM, 4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial w/LR, DR, c/air, c/vac, great rm off kit, stone FP & vaulted ceiling. New price.
Call Coletta Fanuele.


$319,900

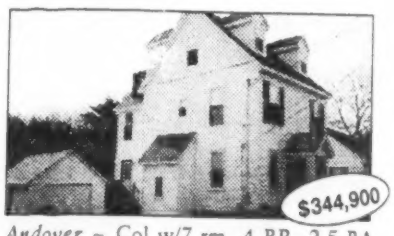
North Andover - Quiet library ares. 6 RM, 3 BR, 1.5 BA Cape remodeled '94. Eat-in kit, maple wd cabinetry, family neighborhood.
Call Roger Collins.

$269,900

North Andover ~ 6 RM, 3 BR, 2 BA Cape w/formal DR, front/back FP LR, spacious Kit located in Thompson School dist.
Call Carla Burns.


$399,000

North Andover ~ Just Listed! 7+ RM, 4 BR Garrison Colonial, Front-to-back FP LR, screened porch, finished LL, 2 car garage.
Call Coletta Fanuele.


$344,900

Andover ~ Col w/7 rm, 4 BR, 2.5 BA rebuilt in '97. Oak kit w/hdwd flr, fam rm w/deck. 2nd flr mster w/cath. ceil, skylight, slider to balcony.
Call Judy Brodbine.

$394,900

Andover ~ New Listing! Cape w/7 RMs, 4 BR, 2 BA features oak kit, spacious LR, walk out basement. Terrific opportunity.
Call Mary O"Donoghue.

$465,000

North Andover ~10 RM, 3 BR, 2.5 BA Col w/cntr islan kit, corian counters, GRT RM, FP LR, formal DR, htd sunrm, Mstr BR w/whirlpool tub, fin LL.
Call Silvija Aprans/Linda Connolly.

$319,900

Andover ~ Col w/8 RM, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, oak kit w/Jen-air grill, FP LR, FR, priv yard w/inground pool. Fin basmnt. Cul-de-sac.
Call Margaret O"Connor.

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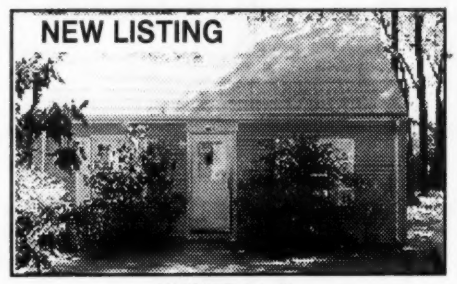
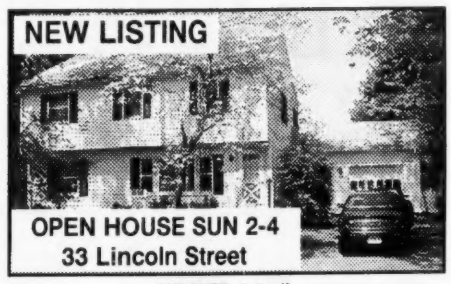
Location! Close to town, shops & Y
Corner Lot ~ Move right in
7/3/2 ~ spacious rooms
Frplcd fam room ~ central air
Huge mahogany deck ~ full basement
Another new listing by Sheryl Allen Doherty x216
sdoherty@andoverliving.com $374,900

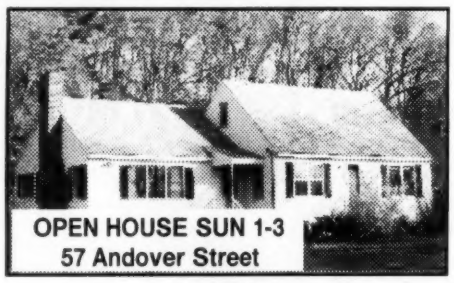
ANDOVER, 1st ad!
Beautiful acre lot abuts AVIS land
7 rooms ~ 4 BR ~ newer roof
Terrific open flr plan ~ HW
Frplcd liv rm ~ newer kit & bath
Seller to consider offers in
VRM #32 $244,900-$284,876
Another new listing by Pam Lebowitz x265



ANDOVER, 1st ad!
Cape across from Haggetts Pond
nice level lot ~ country setting
New 3 BR septic to be installed
Light & bright sunny kitchen
Easy access commuter location
Another listing by Kathy Cyrier x124
callkathyc@mediaone.net $219,900



ANDOVER, 1st ad!
Desirable location near town & schools
Charming 7+ room Colonial
3 BR ~ 3 full BA ~ enclosed porch
Delightful light & bright kitchen shines
1st flr fam rm ~ HW ~ fin low lev
Another listing by Paula Carroll x135
pcarroll@andoverliving.com



ANDOVER!
Charming Cape in picturesque setting
Nice easy access location near town
7 rm ~ 3+ BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 2 car detached
Spacious FP Fam rm w/garden ready for planting
Another listing by Jack Hewitt x228
jhewitt@andoverliving.com $389,900

Exquisite In-town Victorian
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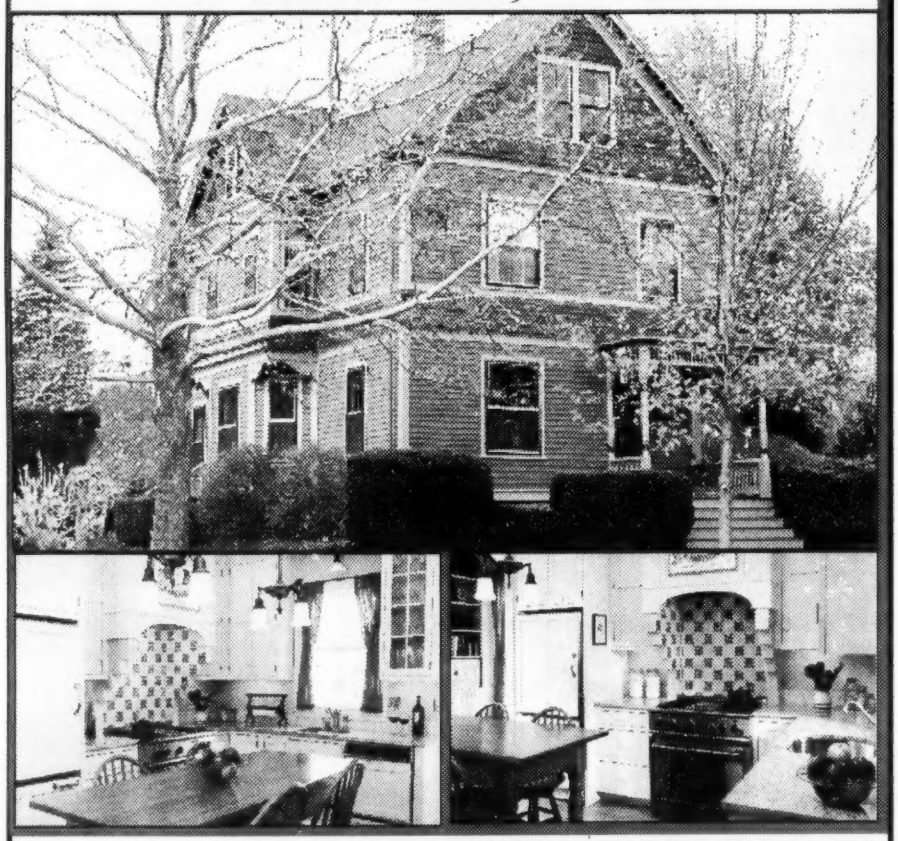
54 Chestnut Street, Andover



First ad! Exquisitely restored in-town Victorian overlooking Central Park and just steps from downtown. The Award winning kitchen has been completely updated and tastefully designed and is ideal for the gourmet. The fenced yard is private with vegetable and perennial gardens accented by a stone patio. High ceilings and period details are found throughout as well as updates for today's modern living. Truly a must see!

8 rooms ~ 4 bedrooms ~ 2 baths ~ $549,900

Sheryl Allen Doherty x216
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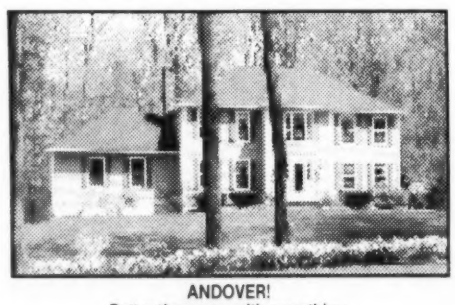
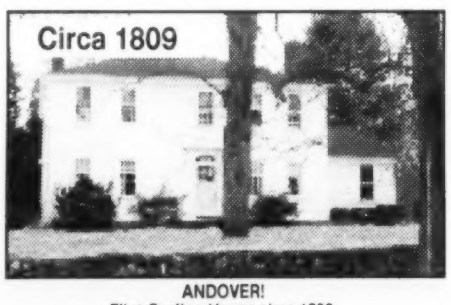
sdoherty@andoverliving.com

ANDOVER!
Minutes to town center, I-93 and I-495
Close to an acre level lot huge private backyard
3 BR/2.5 BA ~ HW floors ~ cedar closet
Breezeway/sunroom, attached 2 car garage
Fin walk-out low lev w/FP fam rm
Another listing by Young Lee x232
ylee@andoverliving.com $419,900

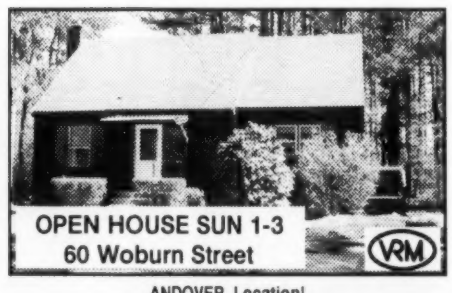


ANDOVER!
Better than new with everything
9+ rm ~ 4 BR ~ 3 BA ~ acre+
Huge private yard w/electric fence
Stunning BLACKDOG kitchen
Finished walkout lower level
2 tiered deck ~ 3 seas porch ~ $715,000
Another listing by The Moody Team x251

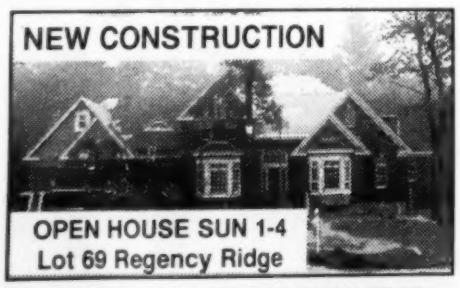
ANDOVER!
Mint Col in Shawsheen area
6+ rm ~ oversized 3 BR ~ 1.5 BA
New retaining wall & brick patio
Sunny & bright kitchen
Freshly painted ~ $359,000
Another listing by Maureen Collins x227
mcollins@andoverliving.com



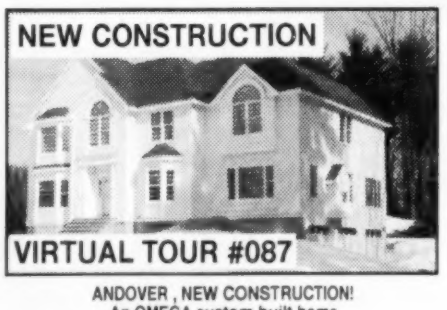
ANDOVER!
Flint Corliss House circa 1809
Beautiful period details still intact
Needs Loving Restoration
addition includes 2 car garage w/apt
14 rm ~ 6+ BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 5 FP
Another listing by Debbie Moore x312
dmoore@andoverliving.com $899,900



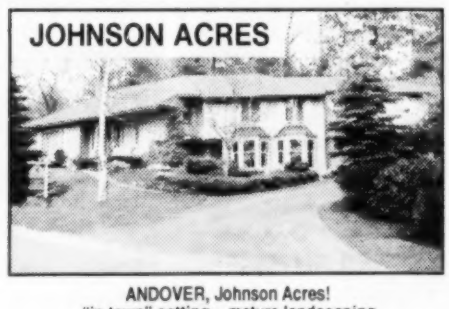
ANDOVER, Location!
Cape across from South School
Front to back frplcd living room
eat-in kitchen w/gleaming HW flrs
3 BR ~ 2 full BA ~ cozy den
Seller to consider offers in
VRM #33 $259,900-$299,876
Another listing by Debbie Perrone x126



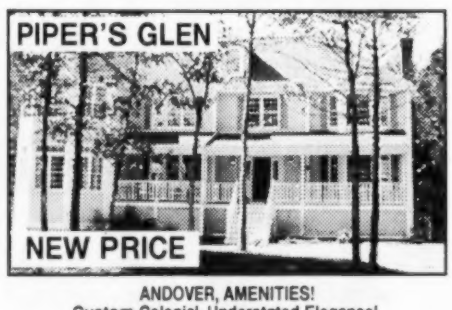
ANDOVER, EXCEPTIONAL NEW CONSTRUCTION!
Wynwood built home at Regency Ridge
Exemplifies grandeur throughout
Spectacular kit opens to palacial fam rm
1st flr mst w/gas FP & sitting area
4 spac BR on the 2nd floor ~ 5900 liv area
Another listing by J. B. Doherty x212
jbdoherty@andoverliving.com $2,250,000



ANDOVER , NEW CONSTRUCTION!
An OMEGA custom built home
just minutes from 93 & 495 on acre lot
4100+ sq. ft. living space ~ extras galore
luxurious mstr w/48" x 72" marble whirlpool
10 rm ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 3 car attached
Another listing by Chris Doherty x230
cdoherty@andoverliving.com ~ $959,900



ANDOVER, Johnson Acres!
"in-town" setting ~ mature landscaping
Beaut frplcd liv rm w/adjacent din rm
Kit w/corian & view of yard & patio
huge fam rm w/wet sink ~ sunroom
10 rms ~ 4 bd ~ 3.5 ba ~ 2 car gar
Another listing by Chris Doherty x230
cdoherty@andoverliving.com $899,900



ANDOVER, AMENITIES!
Custom Colonial, Understated Elegance!
tranquil setting on private cul-de-sac
Gourm kit ~ mstr w/FP & Jacuzzi
10/4/3.5 ~ 4700+ GLA ~ 3 car gar
Turned staircase ~ HW ~ 3 FP
Another listing by Mary Gilmartin
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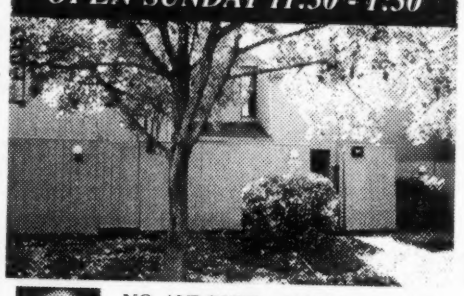
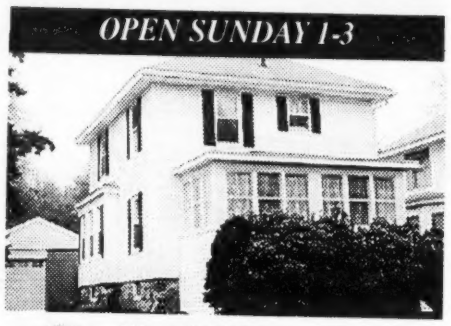


Rosemary Draper

NO. ANDOVER - 34 Millpond. 3 bedroom unit with stunning decor and in move-in condition. Cathedral ceiling master bedroom, gourmet kitchen, fireplace living room, 2.5 baths, deck and courtyard. **$274,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3



Maureen Heinze

NO. ANDOVER - 55 Brightwood. Updated Colonial home in neighborhood location. New maple cabinet kitchen, remodeled baths, hardwood floors, replacement windows, huge deck, garage. **$279,900**

JUST LISTED!

Natalie Bradley

NO. ANDOVER - Lovingly cared for 7 room Ranch on double lot at end of dead end street. Hardwood floors, central air, fireplaced family room, 2 full baths, 3 season porch, in-ground pool. **$285,000**

NEW LISTING!

Jon Maren

ANDOVER - Lots of living space in this 5 bedroom Cape with 2 full baths, breezeway, 2 car garage and deck! Set on a sunny lot walking distance to town and train. **$319,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

Joan Ponti

ANDOVER - 33 North St., 1st ad! Spacious updated 3 bedroom Split with hardwood floors, fireplaced family room, 1.5 baths, and private beautifully landscaped acre lot. **$319,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

Joan Ponti

NO. ANDOVER - 210 Farnum St., 1st ad! Picture perfect country Cape on private acre lot - hardwood floors, 2 updated baths, beamed fireplaced kitchen, family room. **$399,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 12-2!

Elaine Carson

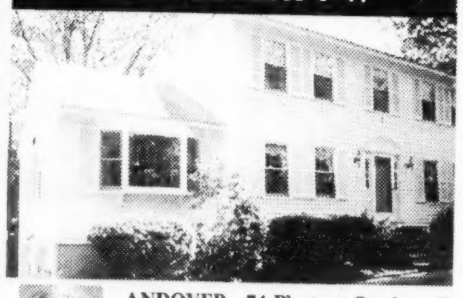
ANDOVER - 133 Elm St., Reduced $70K! 7 room in-town custom built modernist home with walls of glass, enclosed 4 season room, beautiful private 1/2 acre lot, town sewer. **$429,900**

NEW PRICE!

Jon Maren

ANDOVER - Wonderful in-town Dutch Colonial offering a beautiful foyer, high ceilings, bay window, built-ins, updated kitchen, 4 big bedrooms, garage, and a terrific location near the park! **$439,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!



Cheryl Foster

ANDOVER - 74 Pleasant St., 1st ad! Hip Roof Colonial in move-in condition with hardwood floors throughout, neutral decor, screened porch, 2 car garage, treed acre lot. **$487,500**

NEW LISTING!

Sue Shepard

ANDOVER - Hike from your backyard! 8 room Colonial at end of cul-de-sac abutting conservation land. Amenities include new wall to wall, oversized in-ground pool. **$545,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

Joan Ponti

ANDOVER - 8 Bridle Path. Quality Wynwood-built 4 bedroom Colonial near Indian Ridge Country Club. Freshly painted, neutral decor, beautiful private lot with town services. **$564,900**

JUST LISTED!

Cheryl Foster

NO. ANDOVER - Nearly new 9 room Colonial in popular neighborhood. Gleaming hardwood floors, large center island kitchen, 1st floor office, gorgeous master bedroom bath! **$589,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

Elaine Carson

ANDOVER - 39 Oriole Dr. Spacious 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home in prime near town location. Huge room sizes, elegant sunken rooms, 3 season room, walls of glass overlook park-like 1.5 acre lot. **$629,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

Barbara Sullivan

ANDOVER - 7 Wabanaki. Gracious 5 bedroom Colonial home with enormous fireplaced master suite, 3 full baths, manicured acre, in-ground pool, overlooks 12th fairway of country club. **$675,000**

JUST LISTED!

Wayne Ghirardini

ANDOVER - Custom N.E. 9 room Colonial on level professionally landscaped acre lot with good commuter access. Gracious rooms, 2 fireplaces, 3 full baths, office, air conditioning, sprinklers & security. **$679,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

Barbara Sullivan

ANDOVER - 80 Spring Grove Rd: Lovely large Colonial in exquisite setting near town, Pike School & Phillips Academy. 5 bedrooms, 3 fireplaces, 3.5 baths, screened porch, 4 car garage. **$785,000**

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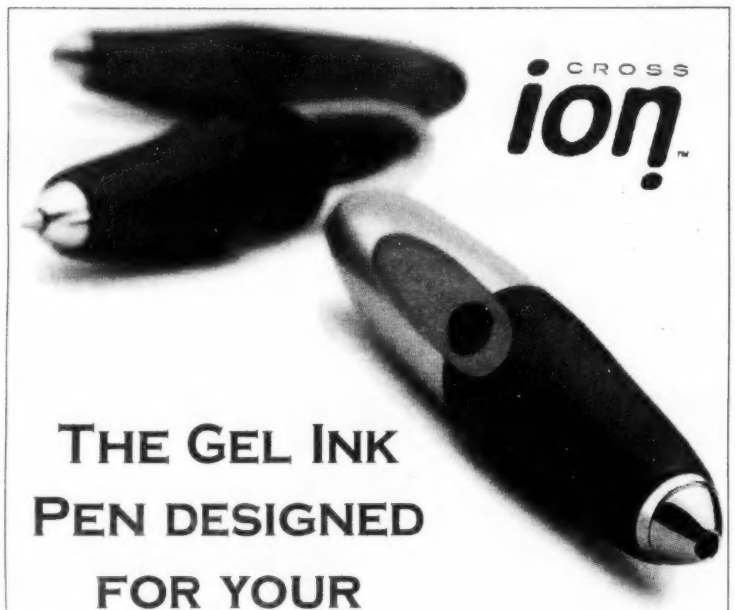

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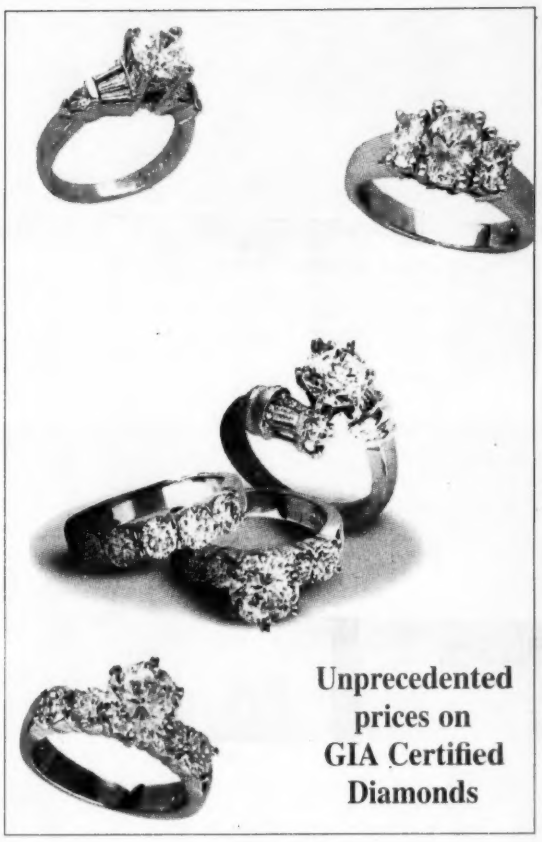

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